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ANNUAL REPORT 1961

AGAWAM

MASSACHUSETTS

FOREWORD

"ACCENT ON YOUTH" — the theme of the 95th Annual Report of the officers of the town. We salute our famous amusement center, Riverside Park; our new YMCA recreation area; plus all of those who have participated, allowed the use of their facilities or have otherwise been a part of the physical development of our future leaders, viz:

Our Public Schools; Robinson State Park; Crestview and Feeding Hills Country Clubs; our Parks and Playgrounds Commission and their programs; our Local Sportsmen's Clubs; Boating activities on the Connecticut River; Little League; Babe Ruth baseball; etc.

In addition, we highlight some of the latest members of our business and industrial family, including the River Vista apartments.

Your Town Report Committee wishes to express its appreciation for the volunteered efforts of all who helped gather and shape the contents of this report.

Fred Emerson, Chairman **Charles DuBois Hodges** **Wadsworth Hine**
Henry Lawson **Francis O'Connor**

Riverside Park is often referred to as "The Playground of the Connecticut Valley." Another provocative description is "An Agawam Institution with a National Reputation."

That line could be changed now to "An Agawam Institution with an INTERNATIONAL Reputation." The past two years have brought wider interest and added renown to the local amusement park.

Riverside Park, through its owner and manager, Edward J. Carroll, was awarded first prize in the form of a special plaque at the 42nd Convention and International Outdoor Amusement Exposition at the National Association of Amusement Parks, Pools and Beaches at Chicago in November of 1960.

The award was made "for the finest program appearance on the most outstanding promotion in the amusement industry for 1960."

The subject matter was a lengthy film in sound and color. This film was produced in Agawam by the staff of the local Bay State Film Company and has been since shown upon request throughout this country and at a few industry meetings in Canada and overseas.

Again in 1961 at the Amusement Convention in Chicago, Riverside's director was awarded first prize for the "outstanding contribution to the advancement of the amusement industry this year." The award was a tribute to Carroll's leadership of a new public relations program for the whole park group.

Riverside Park has moved into the position of the largest amusement park in New England and with expansion plans now underway or on planning boards it will soon move into the top five list of amusement parks in this country.

Under a strong, progressive expansion plan the park has expanded every single year for the past 22 and the opening of Carroll's 23rd year as head of Riverside, patrons from far and near will view a number of major changes.

The Riverside success pattern has been watched by many business leaders in and out of the amusement park field since it has all been accomplished in a town the size of Agawam and not adjacent to large centers of population.

Riverside Park has contributed much to the economy of the local area through construction, employment (around 400 at peak operation) purchase of supplies, taxes of all kinds, heavy payroll expenditures, etc. The total dollar value for the last 22 years would reach a tremendous figure.

Riverside Park photos on front cover.

Agawam Printing Company

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Highlights of 1961

Completion of Crompton & Knowles, Wrap King Div.
Start of Extension Rt. 57 By-pass, Suffeld to Mill Sts.
Partial construction — High School Addition
Membership — Lower Pioneer Valley Planning District
Construction started — Shopping Center Drainage
Co-Champs — High School Football — Western Mass.
Winner — Town Report Award — 1960 Report

As We Look Ahead

Extension of Rt. 57 By-pass beyond Mill Street
Development of YMCA Recreation Center
Commercial and Industrial Expansion
Town By-laws Revision
Sewer Interceptor — Agawam Center
Completion — Town Master Plan

IN MEMORY

and grateful appreciation for those who have served the town well:

Giles W. Halladay — Douglas Carr
Arthur Carr — James Kerr
James Snell — Patrick T. Shea

In Appreciation

to

ROLAND C. REED

Our retired Chief of Police, who has served Agawam with honor and distinction for 31 years.

Town Calendar

OFFICE HOURS

Monday — Friday

9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

BOARD MEETING

SELECTMEN — Friday Evenings, 7:00 P.M.

PLANNING BOARD — Second Thursday of month

SCHOOL COMMITTEE — Second Tuesday of month

TELEPHONES

TOWN HALL, all departments	RE 7-2616
Police	RE 7-4767
Fire	RE 6-2131
School	RE 4-8045

Preparing the Ski Tow at Feeding Hills

Elected Town Officers

MODERATOR

Paul R. Langlois

SELECTMEN AND BOARD OF HEALTH

Vincent R. Caroleo — Frank Chriscola, Jr. — Walter T. Kerr

TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER

Brandon N. Letellier

TOWN COLLECTOR

Margaret E. Ferranti

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Francis J. Rosso	1963	Hollis F. Kane	1962
Raymond E. Charest	1963	Philip J. DeForge	1964
Paul J. Adams	1962	David C. Gallano	1964

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Francis P. Cleary — 1963

William M. Bardwell	1964	George L. Reynolds	1962

BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Paul M. Begley	1963	Priscilla Andrews	1962
Odette Z. Benjamin	1963	Peter D. Bissell	1964
Eva S. Kerr (resigned)	1962	Lucy B. Christopher	1964

Donald R. Langevin — Elected to fill vacancy

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELWARE

Andrew Chriscola	1962	Samuel F. Provo	1964
	Leonard P. Rising	1963	

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Richard M. Taylor	1962	Edwin O. Johnson	1963
	Theodore A. Progulske, Jr.	1964	

TRUSTEES OF THE WHITING STREET FUND

Alda Bedard	1962	Homer C. Allen	1963

TREE WARDEN

Elmer Cascio — 1963

PLANNING BOARD

Wilfred R. Lenville	1962	Ted E. Dynia	1964
William J. McLellan	1963	Lawrence J. Scherpa	1965
	Ronald C. Balboni	1966	

PARKS, PLAYGROUND & RECREATION COMMISSION

James A. O'Keefe, Jr.	1962	Samuel F. Provo	1963
Judson W. Hastings, Jr.	1962	Raymond Saracino	1963
Vito N. DePalo	1964	Harold M. Gaffney, Jr.	1964

AGAWAM HOUSING AUTHORITY

Francis J. Gensheimer, State Appointee

Walter A. Balboni	1963	Thomas Patrick Meredith	1965
Robert Watson, Jr.	1964	Daniel DiDonato	1966

Appointed Town Officers

TOWN ACCOUNTANT
Frances M. Pedulla

CHIEF OF POLICE AND DOG OFFICER
Roland C. Reed

CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT
John W. Parent

SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Armand V. Foote

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE
Edith C. Larsen

VETERANS' ADMINISTRATOR — BURIAL AGENT
Andrew C. Gallano

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Measurer of Wood — Public Weigher

Louis D. Draghetti

GYPSY MOTH SUPERINTENDENT
Dominick Ricco

BOARD OF HEALTH AGENT
Robert P. Carlson

BUILDING INSPECTOR
James J. Gloster

PLUMBING INSPECTOR
George Draghetti

WIRING INSPECTOR
Alfred Gallerani

TOWN COUNSEL
John T. McDonough

TOWN PROSECUTOR
Irving Goldblatt

BOARD OF APPEALS

Harold C. Atwater — Irving R. LaFleur
Julio A. Alvigini — Paul J. Adams, Alt.
Richard W. Toelken, Alt.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Edward W. Connelly — Ernest C. Swanson
Peter T. McGrady — Leslie J. Moore, Jr.
Roland G. Durocher — Daniel L. Newcomb

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Alvin R. Kellogg, Jr. — Louis J. Lovotti
Richard J. Rieker — Brandon N. Letellier

DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE
Arthur Zavarella

Town Directory

Incorporated May 17, 1855

Population 1960 Census — 15,718

UNITED STATE SENATORS

LEVERETT SALTONSTALL of Newton
BENJAMIN A. SMITH of Gloucester

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Second Congressional District

EDWARD P. BOLAND of Springfield

COUNCILOR

Eighth District

RAYMOND F. SULLIVAN of Springfield

STATE SENATOR

Hampden, Berkshire District

OTTO F. BURKHARDT of Westfield

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GENERAL COURT

Eleventh Hampden District

JAMES C. CORCORAN, JR. of West Springfield
GEORGE W. PORTER of Agawam

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

First Tuesday After the Third Monday in November

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Third Saturday in February

Board of Selectmen

The year 1961 has seen the Town of Agawam continue its progressive growth and expansion in all areas of vital importance to our community. New homes, new businesses, and new industries steadily continue to locate in our Township.

Of major significance was the final completion and official dedication of the National Guard Armory located on newly constructed Maynard Street. In addition to its military import, the Armory has provided the Town with a long awaited, and much needed facility for our citizens and organizations to enjoy in promoting civic and social functions in the best interests of our community.

The year saw the completion of Main Street as part of our new type lighting program. The Board will continue in its efforts to bring proper lighting to all of our major highways and streets.

A bill, sponsored by the Selectmen, was enacted by the State Legislature, providing for the construction of a new Mittineague Bridge between West Springfield and Agawam. A bill has been filed in 1962 for an appropriation providing for construction costs on the following basis: 90% to be paid by the State, 5% by the County and 2½% by West Springfield, 2½% by Agawam, in order to expedite this vitally needed link between the two towns.

The year also saw the construction of the Springfield Street Shopping Center Surface Drainage Project under way, with the possibility of overall completion to O'Brien's corner in 1962.

The re-located Route 57 continues in its third phase westward, with the present extension from Suffield Street to Mill Street in the area of the High School.

The re-organization of the Department of Public Works, under our very able new Superintendent, Armand Foote, will provide the Town with full time engineering, designing and construction facilities that will enable us to carry out all stages of future Town projects.

Major appointments have been Harry Schneider as Fire Chief, Robert Carlson as Health Agent and R. Kenneth Grady as Acting Police Chief.

It is fitting at this time to honor former Fire Chief John Parent for many years of devoted service, and former Health Agent, Joseph Faucette, whose loss to our Board has fortunately become our School Department's gain.

As Commissioners of the Police Department, we publicly acknowledge with deep regret the retirement of Chief Roland Reed who has faithfully and loyally served the Town for over thirty years. "Reedy" has left us with a heritage of all that is right and good for which we will forever be grateful.

At our Annual Meeting and in the year to come, the Board will pursue a course of austere application to all proposed expenditures in bending every effort to keep the Town's economy on the soundest base possible.

All of the Town's administrative and functional services have briskly and effectively kept pace with the ever increasing demands of progress. For this our Board wishes to express sincere thanks and appreciation to all of the Town Officials, Department Heads, Town employees and fellow citizens for co-operatively working together in the best interests of the Town of Agawam.

Town Accountant

RECEIPTS

GENERAL REVENUE

Taxes:		
Current Year	$1,970,281.49	
Previous Years	108,629.85	
		$2,078,911.34
In Lieu of Taxes		5,035.26
Tax Titles		570.20
From State:		
Income Tax	30,184.00	
Income Tax — School Aid	177,594.59	
High School Transportation	82,994.94	
Aid to Libraries	3,300.78	
Corporation Tax — Business	62,181.26	
Meal Tax	3,302.76	
Reimbursement — Loss of Taxes	10,742.32	
State Tax — Admin.	87.83	
		370,388.48
Licenses and Permits:		
Liquor	16,370.00	
All Other	4,806.00	
		21,176.00
Fines — District Court		3,503.45
Grants and Gifts:		
From Federal Government:		
Aid to Dependent Children	17,841.67	
Disability Assistance	3,244.19	
Old Age Assistance	52,321.11	
Medical Aid to Aged	15,791.14	
National Education Defense Act	2,256.21	
Interceptor Sewers	17,189.46	
		108,643.78
From State:		
School Building Assistance	250,533.85	
Vocational Education	10,721.15	
Tuition & Transp. — State Wards	1,748.20	
		263,003.20
From County:		
Dog Licenses		1,829.94
Privileges:		
Motor Vehicle Excise:		
Current Year	231,438.28	
Previous Years	132,859.86	
		364,298.14

Farm Animal Excise		361.33
Special Assessments:		
Sidewalk	60.67	
Sewer	6,321.10	
		6,381.77
Assessments Paid In Advance		756.86

DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE

General Government		5,327.50
Protection of Persons and Property		493.65
Health and Sanitation:		
Sewer Connections	9,148.00	
All Other	2,501.75	
		11,649.75
Highways:		
From State — Chapter 90	32,475.15	
From County — Chapter 90	6,602.48	
From Individuals	239.66	
		39,317.29
Charities:		
Welfare:		
From State	2,316.33	
From Cities and Towns	3,812.96	
Aid to Dependent Children:		
From State	9,966.83	
Disability Assistance	3,197.17	
Old Age Assistance:		
From State	15,750.03	
From Cities and Towns	592.38	
Medical Aid to Aged	5,443.30	
		41,079.00
Veterans' Benefits — State		12,448.75
Schools:		
Tuition	812.11	
All Other	3,480.60	
		4,292.71
School Insurance Premium Refund		20,592.14
School Athletics		11,881.42
School Lunch		161,399.49
Library — Fines		453.15
Recreation		133.15

UNCLASSIFIED

Rents	168.00	
Housing Authority	1,584.00	
Group Insurance Premium	1,379.00	
		3,131.00

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES

Water:		
Rates	138,499.85	
Liens	5,697.74	
Connections and Deposits	7,726.14	
Miscellaneous	2,978.23	
		154,901.96

INTEREST

Deferred Taxes	3,176.02	
Special Assessments	788.49	
Library and Cemetery Funds	1,749.33	
Bond Issues	913.19	
		6,627.03

LOANS

Temporary	800,000.00	
High School Addition	290,000.00	
Surface Drain	215,000.00	
Premiums on Loans	1,600.85	
		1,306,600.85

AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT

Beverages Licenses for State	20.00	
Dog Licenses for County	2,663.25	
Planning and Appeals Deposits	937.20	
Contract Plan Deposits	130.00	
Old Age, etc. Recovery	3,334.61	
Teachers' Retirement	220.22	
County Retirement	33,201.33	
Federal Taxes	233,387.32	
State Taxes	20,122.83	
Blue Cross	23,283.15	
Life Insurance	3,430.14	
U. S. Savings Bonds	2,950.21	
Credit Union	69,137.86	
		392,818.12

REFUNDS AND REIMBURSEMENTS

Departmental	3,159.41	
Workman's Compensation	908.13	
Retirement	2,647.12	
Miscellaneous	1,688.52	
		8,403.18

TOTAL RECEIPTS	$5,406,409.89

Junior Red Cross — Junior High School Photo by Charles DuBois Hodge

Junior High Cheer Leaders Photo by Charles DuBois Hodge

Town Accountant

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Balance Jan. 1, 1961	Appropriations	Additions	Available	Expenditures	Balance
Moderator	$	$ 25.00	$	$ 25.00	$ 25.00	$
Conservation Committee		100.00		100.00	25.00	75.00
Personnel Board		275.00		275.00	269.69	5.31
Selectmen — Salaries		3,700.00		3,700.00	3,700.00	
Secretary		4,644.00		4,644.00	4,644.00	
Other		1,465.00	9.85	1,474.85	831.91	642.94
Town Accountant — Salary		5,668.00		5,668.00	4,852.00	816.00
Account Clerk		3,678.00		3,678.00	3,678.00	
Other		569.00	75.00	644.00	640.60	3.40
Out of State Travel		75.00		75.00	75.00	
Office Machines			461.00	461.00	461.00	
Town Clerk-Treasurer — Salary		7,100.00		7,100.00	7,100.00	
Assistant		2,690.00		2,690.00	840.21	1,849.79
Clerical		5,604.00		5,604.00	5,035.18	568.82
Other		2,764.00		2,764.00	2,753.08	10.92
Treasurer — Account Machine	146.31			146.31		146.31
Town Collector — Salary		5,668.00		5,668.00	5,668.00	
Deputy		4,264.00		4,264.00	4,264.00	
Clerical		3,576.00	156.00	3,732.00	3,723.69	8.31
Other		3,665.00		3,665.00	3,329.91	335.09
Assessors — Salaries		6,500.00		6,500.00	6,500.00	
Assistant		4,264.00		4,264.00	4,100.00	164.00
Clerical		4,488.00	200.00	4,688.00	4,624.80	63.20
Other		2,950.00		2,950.00	2,614.33	335.67
Town Counsel		3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00	
Town Prosecutor		1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	
Law — Appraisals		700.00		700.00		700.00
Other		800.00		800.00	490.86	309.14

Election and Reg. — Registrars		750.00		750.00	750.00	
Election Officers		3,400.00	346.07	3,746.07	3,746.07	
Listing of Persons		1,000.00		1,000.00	900.00	100.00
Other		1,800.00	891.51	2,691.51	2,675.26	16.25
Administration Building:						
Custodian — Salary		3,588.00	141.00	3,729.00	3,729.00	
Clerk		2,626.00	45.00	2,671.00	2,671.00	
Fuel, Light & Telephone		5,400.00	411.51	5,811.51	5,811.51	
Other		1,410.00	198.40	1,608.40	1,313.44	294.96
Other Town Buildings		900.00		900.00	635.16	264.84
Police — Chief Salary		6,656.00		6,656.00	6,656.00	
Salaries		130,523.00		130,523.00	128,127.00	2,396.00
Other		11,380.00	774.57	12,154.57	11,687.69	466.88
Out of State Travel		100.00		100.00	95.85	4.15
Uniforms		1,650.00		1,650.00	1,574.96	75.04
New Cruisers — 1960	2,243.32			2,243.32	2,243.32	
New Cruisers — 1961		4,000.00		4,000.00	3,011.20	988.80
Safety Officer		250.00		250.00	249.73	.27
Traffic Officers		5,106.00	272.49	5,378.49	5,378.49	
Dog Law		300.00		300.00	42.00	258.00
Fire — Chief Salary		6,656.00		6,656.00	6,576.00	80.00
Salaries		123,500.00	2,512.17	126,012.17	126,000.17	12.00
Other		5,327.00	775.00	6,102.00	6,068.86	33.14
Out of State Travel		100.00		100.00	96.55	3.45
Equipment		990.00		990.00	942.79	47.21
Uniforms		150.00		150.00	110.32	39.68
Sealer — Salary		2,100.00		2,100.00	2,100.00	
Other		675.00		675.00	493.67	181.33
Building Inspector — Salary		5,668.00		5,668.00	5,668.00	
Other		750.00		750.00	682.30	67.70
Out of State Travel		50.00		50.00		50.00
Electrical Inspector — Salary		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00	
Other		350.00		350.00	280.64	69.36
Tree Warden — Salary		1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00	
Labor		4,600.00		4,600.00	4,599.00	1.00

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Balance Jan. 1, 1961	Appro-priations	Additions	Available	Expen-ditures	Balance
Equipment Rentals		2,500.00		2,500.00	2,500.00	
Tree Planting		2,000.00		2,000.00	1,997.75	2.25
Forest Spraying		1,150.00		1,150.00	1,150.00	
Dutch Elm		500.00		500.00	500.00	
All Other		150.00		150.00	51.00	99.00
Gypsy Moth		500.00		500.00	500.00	
Health — Agent's Salary		5,668.00	190.00	5,858.00	5,603.00	255.00
Clerk		2,626.00	52.50	2,678.50	2,678.50	
Nurses' Salaries		9,568.00	355.00	9,923.00	9,915.00	8.00
Other		3,500.00	15.60	3,515.60	2,872.08	643.52
New Car		1,525.00		1,525.00	1,498.75	26.25
Hospitals, etc.		4,000.00		4,000.00	132.00	3,868.00
Mosquito Control		2,700.00		2,700.00	2,452.00	248.00
Plumbing — Labor		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,464.00	36.00
Other		125.00		125.00	21.00	104.00
Slaughter & Animal Inspec.		966.00		966.00	966.00	
Garbage Collection		14,500.00		14,500.00	14,500.00	
Rubbish Collection		13,400.00	3,143.53	16,543.53	16,543.53	
Sewer Maintenance		38,400.00		38,400.00	37,811.10	588.90
Dump Site Facilities		8,500.00		8,500.00	6,374.50	2,125.50
Cover Dump Shoemaker Lane		9,700.00		9,700.00	4,714.98	4,985.02
Interceptor Sewer Plans	582.64			582.64		582.64
Westfield River Interceptor Sewer — 1957	24,396.99	14,153.21		38,550.20	31,053.21	7,496.99
Begley St. Sewer	94.02			94.02	94.02	
Meadow St.-Alhambra Sewer	2,399.18			2,399.18		2,399.18
Adams St. Sewer & Lift Station	1,763.95			1,763.95	1,009.74	754.21
Ramah Circle No. Storm Drain	7,500.00			7,500.00		7,500.00
Silver St. Sanitary Sewer — 1960	691.51		197.65	889.16	883.54	5.62
Silver St. Sanitary Sewer — 1961		6,500.00		6,500.00	5,628.04	871.96
Shoemaker Lane Sanitary Sewer	25.60			25.60	25.60	

Moore & Valley St. Sewer & Lift Station	6,216.43		3,889.46	10,105.89	4,945.06	5,160.83
Suffield St. Sanitary Sewer — 1960	7,815.21			7,815.21	7,052.05	763.16
Mountainview St. Sanitary Sewer	3,418.26			3,418.26	3,015.94	402.32
Vadnais St. Sanitary Sewer	1,987.61			1,987.61	1,620.38	367.23
Meadow St. Sanitary Sewer — 1960	8,978.49			8,978.49	8,466.04	512.45
Maynard St. Storm Drain, etc.	24,550.00			24,550.00	19,207.51	5,342.49
Drains — Agawam Shop Center		7,500.00	2.77	7,502.77	7,502.77	
Pumping Station #2 Equipment		8,000.00		8,000.00	7,889.23	110.77
Colonial Ave. Sanitary Sewer Interceptor		8,900.00		8,900.00	8,871.58	28.42
Springfield St. Drain — Vic. Post Office	206.41			206.41	206.41	
Springfield St. Drain — Vic. Leg. Home	836.86			836.86		836.86
Surface Drain — Suffield St.		5,000.00		5,000.00	4,712.15	287.85
Springfield & Columbus Sts. Sewers		18,000.00		18,000.00	7,632.78	10,367.22
D.P.W. — Supt. Salary		8,060.00		8,060.00	4,030.00	4,030.00
Clerical		6,344.00	72.50	6,416.50	6,416.50	
Police Salaries		2,000.00	300.00	2,300.00	2,212.35	87.65
Administration		900.00		900.00	534.32	365.68
Out of State Travel		150.00		150.00		150.00
Highway Maintenance		52,100.00		52,100.00	51,621.29	478.71
New Construction, etc.		25,000.00		25,000.00	23,114.27	1,885.73
Road Machinery		17,600.00	2,000.00	19,600.00	19,523.33	76.67
Snow Removal		50,000.00		50,000.00	47,211.61	2,788.39
Sidewalk Maintenance		3,000.00		3,000.00	2,102.93	897.07
Highway Used Truck	100.00			100.00		100.00
New Grader		17,200.00		17,200.00	14,546.00	2,654.00
Highway 10' Plow	1,100.00			1,100.00	1,050.00	50.00
1951 GMC Truck & Sander		800.00		800.00	800.00	
Back Hoe — D.P.W.		4,650.00		4,650.00	4,600.00	50.00
Dump Truck		5,150.00		5,150.00	5,119.50	30.50
Engineering — Salaries		16,000.00		16,000.00	14,360.09	1,639.91
Other		1,300.00		1,300.00	1,266.25	33.75
Street Lights		72,000.00		72,000.00	64,628.99	7,371.01
Rip-Rapping Westfield River	6,500.00			6,500.00	5,600.00	900.00
Garden St. Widening	7.24			7.24	7.24	
Spfld. St. Sidewalk — 1960	1,211.73	199.00		1,410.73	1,410.50	.23

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Balance Jan. 1, 1961	Appro-priations	Additions	Available	ditures Expen-	Balance
Sidewalk—Spfld. & Mill Sts.		8,900.00		8,900.00	8,899.19	.81
Suffield St. Route 57 By Pass	94.20			94.20		94.20
Chapter 90 Constr. — 1959	10,003.73			10,003.73	10,000.00	3.73
1960	27,988.37		2,826.00	30,814.37	30,732.70	81.67
1961		42,000.00	1,400.00	43,400.00	24,130.11	19,269.89
Chapter 90 Maint. 1961		15,000.00		15,000.00	14,999.99	.01
So. West St. Resurface—1960	130.37			130.37	130.37	
So. West St. Resurface—1961		8,500.00		8,500.00	8,385.43	114.57
Colemore St. Relocation	1.41			1.41	1.41	
U.S. Gr. D.C. — Assistance	11,440.10		15,424.00	26,854.10	12,060.32	14,803.78
U.S. Gr. D.C. — Admin.	3,306.63		2,417.67	5,724.30	2,660.00	3,064.30
Disability Assist.	932.72		3,224.70	4,157.42	2,964.21	1,193.21
Disability Admin.	467.11		421.49	888.60	253.53	635.07
Old Age Assist.	28,234.24		50,060.00	78,294.24	45,696.16	32,598.08
Old Age Admin.	5,265.41		3,605.28	8,870.69	5,030.37	3,840.32
Med. Aid to Aged			14,960.93	14,960.93	7,768.96	7,191.97
Med. Aid — Admin.			830.21	830.21	332.52	497.69
Welfare — Salaries		2,000.00		2,000.00	1,934.33	65.67
Relief		22,000.00	20.25	22,020.25	11,931.55	10,088.70
Other		100.00		100.00	79.55	20.45
Town Dep. Children Assist.		16,000.00	64.95	16,064.95	15,431.77	633.18
Town Dep. Children Admin.		2,000.00		2,000.00	1,997.26	2.74
Town — Dis. Assistance		8,000.00	63.05	8,063.05	5,723.54	2,339.51
Dis. Admin.		1,000.00		1,000.00	982.36	17.64
Old Age Assistance		40,000.00	208.90	40,208.90	26,749.69	13,459.21
Old Age Admin.		2,500.00	330.68	2,830.68	2,756.77	73.91
Med. Aid to Aged		20,000.00	7,611.18	27,611.18	22,712.56	4,898.62
Med. Aid Admin.		1,000.00		1,000.00	970.89	29.11
Veterans Benefits		21,000.00	1,238.73	22,238.73	22,159.09	79.64
District			8,631.02	8,631.02	8,631.02	

Schools — Salaries, Operating		1,285,589.00	218.18	1,285,807.18	1,255,995.51	29,811.67
Fuel and Light		55,000.00	1,572.30	56,572.30	56,572.30	
Transportation		109,400.00		109,400.00	105,160.07	4,239.93
Out of State Travel		800.00		800.00	100.21	699.79
Jr. High Zoning Heat System		3,900.00		3,900.00	3,870.00	30.00
National Defense Ed. Act.	4,171.25		2,256.21	6,427.46	5,025.28	1,402.18
George Barden Fund	3,24			3.24	3.24	
High School Prelim. Plans	408.58			408.58	185.10	223.48
High School Final Plans	4,962.65		37.35	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Land Purchase	1,875.00			1,875.00		1,875.00
Lunch	255.75		161,339.49	161.655.24	157,783.96	3,871.28
Athletics	925.49		11,881.42	12,806.91	9,911.64	2,895.27
High School Addition		157,500.00	2.77	157,502.77	157,502.77	
Library — Salaries		3,000.00		3,000.00	2,479.21	520.79
Fuel and Light		1,500.00		1,500.00	599.69	900.31
Other		1,875.78	1,829.94	3,705.72	3,567.23	138.49
Parks & Playground — Salary		9,225.00		9,225.00	9,156.30	68.70
Other		4,362.00		4,362.00	3,881.02	480.98
Damages to Persons & Prop.		500.00		500.00	152.35	347.65
Court Judgement			4,090.19	4,090.19	4,090.19	
Widow's Annuity		600.00		600.00	600.00	
Town Reports		2,300.00		2,300.00	2,070.12	229.88
By-Law Revision Comm.	166.25			166.25		166.25
Finance Committee		100.00		100.00	42.50	57.50
Group Hospital & Ins.		27,000.00	16.03	27,016.03	25,010.00	2,006.03
Liability Insurance		13,750.00	2,900.38	16,650.38	16,650.38	
Town Vehicle Insurance		4,368.00	16.07	4,384.07	4,384.07	
County Retirement Assessm.		38,511.00		38,511.00	38,510.40	.60
Tax Title Foreclosures		400.00		400.00		400.00
Memorial Day		585.00		585.00	579.91	5.09
Aid to Agriculture		100.00		100.00	100.00	
Walter Kerr Barracks Rent		300.00	25.50	325.50	325.50	
Surety Bonds		700.00	28.10	728.10	728.10	
Prior Year's Bills		6,481.20	1,399.87	7,881.07	7,881.07	
Reserve Fund		30,000.00		30,000.00	21,632.30	8,367.70

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Balance Jan. 1, 1961	Appro-priations	Additions	Available	Expen-ditures	Balance
Safety Council		197.00		197.00	197.00	
Armory Dedication			300.00	300.00	300.00	
Council for Aging		100.00		100.00	25.50	74.50
Printing Zoning By-Laws	1,000.00			1,000.00	706.39	293.61
Business Develop. Comm. 1960	497.73			497.73		497.73
Business Develop. Comm. 1961	1,500.00			1,500.00	771.86	728.14
Land Taking — Elbert Road	2.00			2.00		2.00
Heirs D. Crowley	150.00			150.00		150.00
Maynard St.	1.00			1.00		1.00
Civil Defense — Admin.	35.67	750.00		785.67	743.52	42.15
Other		1,475.00	721.20	2,196.20	2,140.74	55.46
Planning Board		500.00		500.00	122.68	377.32
Master Plans	1,472.50			1,472.50	1,000.00	472.50
Board of Appeals		600.00		600.00	333.32	266.68
Bus. Development Brochures		1,000.00		1,000.00		1,000.00
Stabilization Fund		150,000.00		150,000.00	150,000.00	
Water — Contract		55,000.00	6,670.71	61,670.71	61,670.71	
Construction		5,000.00		5,000.00	4,515.09	484.91
McGrath Ter. Main		1,200.00		1,200.00	1,200.00	
Other		51,600.00	16,000.00	67,600.00	66,946.49	653.51
Cemetery — Maintenance		790.00		790.00	677.56	112.44
Veterans Graves		234.00		234.00	234.00	
Rebuilding		425.00		425.00	195.00	230.00
Debt		250,000.00		250,000.00	250,000.00	
Interest — Debt		85,000.00	913.19	85,913.19	83,526.25	2,386.94
Temporary Loans		12,000.00		12,000.00	5,003.84	6,996.16
TOTALS	$ 206,563.16	$3,458,535.98	$ 357,259.73	$4,022,358.87	$3,741,844.67	$ 280,514.20

Country Squire Furniture Shop

TOWN OF AGAWAM BALANCE SHEET — DECEMBER 31, 1961

ASSETS

Cash — Revenue		$631,482.83
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1957		
Personal		1,187.20
Levy of 1958		
Personal		1,953.60
Levy of 1959		
Poll	44.00	
Personal	2,200.00	
		2,244.00
Levy of 1960		
Poll	110.00	
Personal	5,744.76	
Real Estate	5,518.00	
		11,372.76
Levy of 1961		
Poll	478.00	
Personal	10,830.59	
Real Estate	112,357.34	
		123,665.93
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		
Levy of 1957	1,397.85	
Levy of 1958	3,266.16	
Levy of 1959	3,899.52	
Levy of 1960	8,552.62	
Levy of 1961	31,191.33	
		48,307.48
Farm Animal Excise:		
Levy of 1961		72.07

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Payroll Deductions:		
Group Life Insurance	.09	
Savings Bonds	1,133.69	
		1,133.78
Tailings		161.95
Water Connection Deposits		79.25
Planning Board Deposits		71.13
Board of Appeals Deposits		104.83
Sewer and Sidewalk Deposits		10.00
Old Age Assistance Recovery		484.70
Trust Fund Income:		
Phelon Library	56.32	
Old Cemetery	195.33	
Feeding Hills Cemetery — General	48.77	
Feeding Hills Cemetery — Perpetual	86.39	
Maple Grove Cemetery — Care	392.77	
		779.58
Federal Grants:		
Old Age Assistance	32,598.08	
Old Age Administration	3,840.32	
Dependent Children — Aid	14,803.78	
Dependent Children — Administration	3,064.30	
Disability Assistance	1,193.21	
Disability Administration	635.07	
Medical Aid to Aged — Aid	7,191.97	
Medical Aid to Aged — Adm.	497.69	
National Defense Ed. Act	1,402.18	
		65,226.60
Unexpended Appropriation Balances:		
Police — New Cruisers	988.80	
Land Fill Dump Site	2,125.50	

Special Assessments:		
Unapportioned Sewers — 1961	2,591.74	
Appor. Sewer Added to Taxes 1960	47.59	
Appor. Sewer Added to Taxes 1961	340.74	
Appor. Sidewalk Added to Taxes 1961	31.20	
Committed Interest 1960	11.41	
Committed Interest 1961	136.05	
		3,158.73
Tax Titles	19,609.56	
Tax Possessions	2,663.69	
		22,273.25
Departmental:		
Sewer	1,515.00	
Health	282.00	
Highway	81.95	
Welfare	3,466.74	
Aid to Dependent Children	2,956.06	
Disability Assistance	1,102.45	
Old Age Assistance	6,317.32	
Medical Aid to Aged	4,084.06	
Veterans Benefits	2,980.36	
School	126.00	
		22,911.94
Water:		
Rates	25,875.84	
Miscellaneous	2,524.53	
Liens Added to Taxes 1959	52.73	
Liens Added to Taxes 1960	137.52	
Liens Added to Taxes 1961	1,305.23	
		29,895.85
Aid to Highways:		
State	7,524.85	
County	18,997.32	
		26,522.17

Silver St. San. Sewer 1961	871.96
Cover Dump — Shoemaker Lane	4,985.02
Interceptor Sewer Plans	582.64
Westfield River Interc. Sewer	7,496.99
Medow St.-Alhambra Sewer	2,399.18
Adams St. Sewer and Lift Station	754.21
Ramah Circle No. Storm Drain	7,500.00
Silver St. Sanitary Sewer 1960	5.62
Moore & Valley Sts. San. Sewer Lift Sta.	5,160.83
Suffield St. Sanitary Sewer	763.16
Mountainview St. Sanitary Sewer	402.32
Vadnais St. Sanitary Sewer	367.23
Meadow St. Sanitary Sewer 1960	512.45
Maynard St. Storm Drains	5,342.49
Pumping Station #2 Equipment	110.77
Colonial Ave. Sanitary Sewer	28.42
Springfield St. Drain—Vic. Legion Home	836.86
Surface Drain Suffield St.	287.85
Springfield & Columbus Sanitary Sewers	10,367.22
Rip-Rapping Westfield River	900.00
Springfield St. Sidewalk — 1960	.23
Springfield & Mill Sts. — Sidewalk	.81
Suffield St — Rte. 57 Bypass	94.20
Chapter 90 Construction 1959	3.73
Chapter 90 Construction 1960	81.67
Chapter 90 Construction 1961	19,269.89
So. West St. Resurface	114.57
High School Add. Plans, etc.	223.48
Land Purchase — School	1,875.00
Printing Zoning By-Laws	293.61
Land Taking — Elbert Road	2.00
Land Taking — Heirs D. Crowley	150.00
Land Taking — Maynard St.	1.00
Civil Defense — Administration	42.15

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND RESERVES		
Deficits to be Raised:				
County Tax — 1961	872.09	Civil Defense — All Other	55.46	
		Planning Board — Master Plan	472.50	
		Brochures — Business Dev. Comm.	1,000.00	
				76,469.82
		Revolving Funds:		
		School Lunch	3,871.28	
		School Athletics	2,895.27	
				6,766.55
		Overlay Surplus		29,713.40
		Overlay Reserved for Abatements:		
		Levy of 1957	1,209.60	
		Levy of 1958	251.20	
		Levy of 1959	2,244.00	
		Levy of 1960	11,372.76	
		Levy of 1961	34,726.28	
				49,803.84
		Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
		Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise	48,307.48	
		Farm Animal Excise	72.07	
		Tax Title & Possession	22,273.25	
		Special Assessment	3,158.73	
		Departmental	22,911.94	
		Water	29,895.85	
		Aid to Highways	26,522.17	
				153,141.49
		Overestimates 1961:		
		State Parks & Reservations		605.22
		Surplus		541,367.76
	$925,919.90			$925,919.90

NON-REVENUE

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND RESERVES		
Cash	$322,969.02	New Elementary School — Shea's	11,678.43	
		Westfield River Interc. and Syphon	8,560.90	
		Drain — Shopping Center	191,936.98	
		High School Addition	110,792.71	
	$322,969.02			$322,969.02

DEFERRED REVENUE

Apportioned Sewer Assessment Not Due	$ 15,457.30	Apportioned Sewer Assessments Due 1962-1980	$ 15,457.30
Apportioned Sidewalk Assessments Revenue Not Due	215.56	Apportioned Sidewalk Assessments Due 1962-1980	215.56
	$ 15,672.86		$ 15,672.86

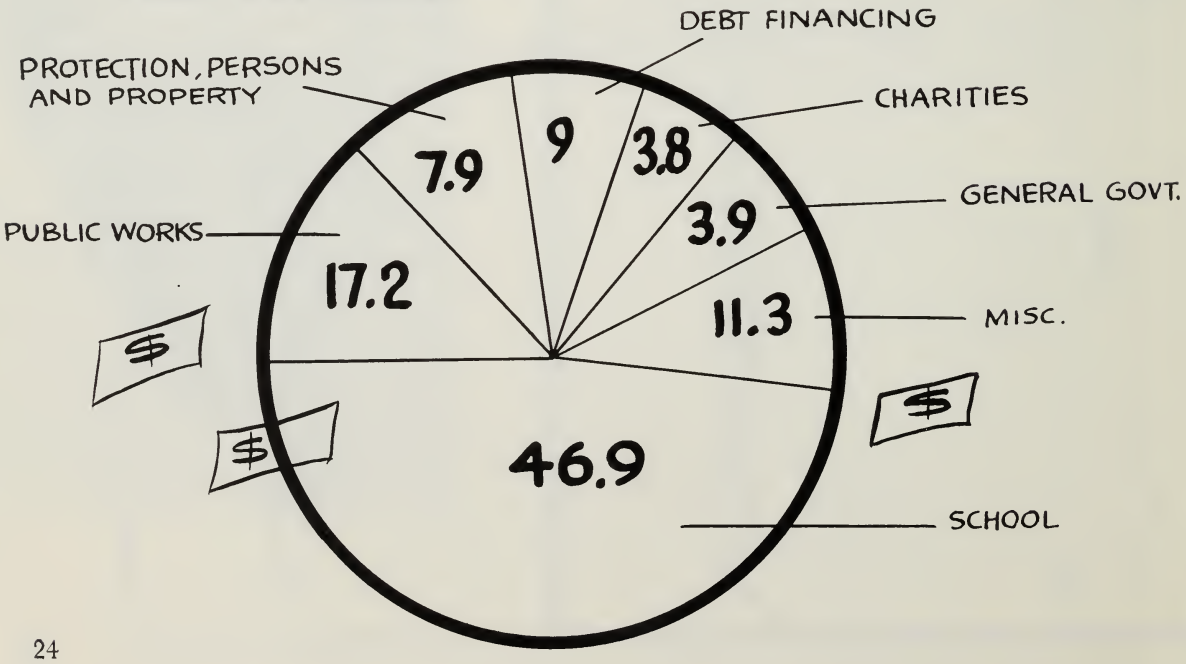
New High School Addition

Municipal Indebtness

Purpose of Loan	Year Issued	Rate	Date of Retirement	Yearly Prin. Payment	Outstanding
Feeding Hills School Extension	1949	2%	2-1969	$ 20,000.00	$ 159,000.00
Katherine G. Danahy School	1952	1.70	2-1962	5,000.00	5,000.00
Benjamin J. Phelps School	1952	1.70	2-1962	5,000.00	5,000.00
South St. Elem. School	1956	2.60	7-1974	15,000.00	160,000.00
Shea's Field School	1959	3.80	7-1979	20,000.00	360,000.00
Westfield River Intercept. Sewer Bonds	1959	3.30	11-1964	40,000.00	105,000.00
Springfield St. Storm Drain	1961	3.10	5-1971	25,000.00	215,000.00
High School Addition	1961	3.10	5-1981	15,000.00	290,000.00
Outside Debt Limit					
Benjamin J. Phelps School	1952	2¼%	2-1974	105,000.00	1,365,000.00
New High School	1956	2.60	7-1973	15,000.00	175,000.00
South St. Elem. School	1959	3.80	2-1979	15,000.00	230,000.00
Shea's Field School					

Trust Funds	
Whiting Street Worthy Poor Fund Securities and Savings Bank Deposits	$ 5,595.00
Desire A. Payne Fund Securities	2,000.00
Mary E. Phelon School Fund Securities and Savings Bank Deposits	4,225.93
Mary E. Phelon Library Fund Securities	500.00
Old Cemetery Fund Savings Bank Deposits	700.00
Maple Grove Cemetery Fund Savings Bank Deposits	1,405.79
Old Cemetery Ass'n. of Feeding Hills Fund Savings Bank Deposits	280.00
Feeding Hills Old Cemetery Ass'n. Fund	160.00
Faolin M. Peirce Fund Securities	20,106.72

Your Tax Dollar



Betty's Towne House Photo by Charles DuBois Hodge

Town Collector

	Committed and Refunds	Collected	Abated	Outstanding 1-1-1962
TAXES:				
LEVY OF 1961:				
Farm Excise	345.07	273.00		63.32
Cash on Hand				8.75
Poll	9,306.00	7,844.00	1,006.00	478.00
Refunds	22.00			
Personal Property	187,901.49			
Refunds	44.85	176,320.52	795.23	10,207.87
Cash on Hand				622.72
Real Estate	1,936,306.98			
Refunds	4,348.20	1,786,116.97	38,556.65	103,606.64
Tax Title			3,624.22	
Cash on Hand				8,750.70
Motor Excise	275,102.45			
Refunds	3,918.35	231,438.28	16,391.19	24,543.66
Cash on Hand				6,647.67
LEVY OF 1960:				
Poll	378.00	94.00	174.00	110.00
Personal Property	12,494.94	6,498.38	367.00	5,704.56
Refunds	75.00			
Real Estate	96,392.13			
Refunds	2,984.85	92,652.98	1,206.00	5,461.30
Cash on Hand				56.70
Motor Excise	143,802.15			
Refunds	3,120.91	129,478.60	8,892.84	8,551.62
LEVY OF 1959:				
Poll	68.00	24.00		44.00
Personal Property	2,318.20	118.20		2,200.00
Real Estate	1,366.67			
Refunds	640.00	1,366.67	640.00	
Motor Excise	4,454.00	554.48		3,899.52
LEVY OF 1958:				
Personal Property	1,976.00	22.40		1,953.60
Real Estate	398.40	398.40		
Motor Excise	3,293.27	27.11		3,266.16

WATER:				
Rates	169,149.61	133,545.11	4,520.22	
Water Liens			*5,208.44	22,905.12
Cash on Hand				2,970.72
Miscellaneous Billings	5,649.21	2,978.23	146.45	2,523.53
Cash on Hand				1.00
Water Connections	4,576.14			
Refunds	120.00	4,576.14	120.00	
WATER LIENS:				
Added to taxes — 1958	69.66	69.66		
Added to taxes — 1959	78.01	25.28		52.73
Added to taxes — 1960	2,005.33	1,867.81		137.52
Added to taxes — 1961	5,208.44	3,713.80		
Tax Titles			189.41	646.33
Cash on Hand				658.90
DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNTS:				
Sewer Connections	9,148.00	9,148.00		
Health & Sanitation	1,986.00	1,704.00		282.00
Sewer Acc/Rec.	1,660.00	145.00		1,515.00
Highway Acc/Rec.	141.61	59.66		66.95
Cash on Hand				15.00
School	938.11	812.11		126.00
Veteran's Benefits	15,429.11	12,448.75		1,013.05
Cash on Hand				1,967.31
Welfare	9,439.95	6,129.29	22.69	613.89
Cash on Hand				2,674.08
Old Age Assistance				
C & T	999.08	592.38	5.86	400.84
State	21,845.28	15,750.03		
Cash on Hand				6,095.25
Aid to Dependent Children	12,922.89	9,966.83		2,576.93
Cash on Hand				379.13
Disability Assistance	4,299.62	3,197.17		
Cash on Hand				1,102.45
Medical Aid for Aged	9,527.36	9,527.36		
Municipal Liens	222.00	222.00		
BETTERMENTS:				
Apportionned Sewer				
Added to 1960 Taxes	394.85	347.26		47.59
Committed Interest	151.73	140.32		11.41
Apportionned Sidewalk				
Added to 1960 Taxes	5.00	5.00		
Apportionned Sewer				
Added to 1961 Taxes	2,527.35	2,044.29		
Tax Titles			142.32	340.74
Committed Interest	769.86	626.52		
Tax Titles			7.29	131.86
Cash on Hand				4.19
Apportionned Sidewalk				
Added to 1961 Taxes	60.67	29.47		5.00
Cash on Hand				26.20
Unapportionned Sewer	8,192.59	3,929.55	429.20	
			*1,242.10	2,491.12
Cash on Hand				100.62
Sewer Betterment Paid in Advance	756.86	756.86		
*Deferred Revenue				

High School Dance Band

Board of Assessors

A recent court decision directing the assessors of the city of Springfield to assess the various real properties at a 100% sound value might be cause for concern for the assessors and taxpayers throughout the state but it would be of more concern to contiguous suburban areas.

The underlying reason is somewhat obvious. Whether one does or does not wish to admit that there is open competition between urban and suburban markets is beside the point. The fact is that due to improved transportation conditions this relationship has become quite evident and, in the opinion of the Agawam assessors, of imminent danger to the tax income of the city of Springfield.

If then, we in Agawam or Springfield do admit to this competition, what favorable conditions exist in Agawam that do not exist in Springfifield for the construction of new residential and industrial properties? The first, and most important factor in our opinion, is the tax bill involved. The actual tax is directly dependent upon the services rendered for the tax paid and the frugality with which the service is rendered. In these respects, Agawam will not take less than first place. In Agawam, for taxes paid, one receives so called country living with city services and yet the tax bill is lower per market dollar than elsewhere. Since the tax bill is the largest continuous demand placed on real property ownership we, in Agawam, are in an envious competitive position. Secondly, we have ample land available to newcomers, land that is well drained, accessible, taxed and zoned properly. If one concedes that, in the above aspects Agawam is an attraction to new business, the last consideration should be the acknowledgment of the proposed assessment for any real property before construction is started. Here Agawam again receives a "gold star". Prospective real property owners may meet, by appointment, at any time with the Agawam Board of Assessors to review blueprints, plans, and their eventual tax obligation. IN CONCLUSION, YOU KNOW WHERE YOU STAND IN AGAWAM.

1961

The following is the report of the Board of Assessors for the year ending December 31, 1961:

Number of Horses Assessed	41
Number of Cows Assessed	19
Number of Neat Cattle Assessed	7
Number of Swine Assessed	10
Number of Fowls Assessed	3,300
Total Number of Livestock Assessed	3,377
Value of Assessed Stock in Trade	157,930.00
Value of Assessed Machinery	1,670,742.00
Value of Assessed Livestock	7,960.00
Value of All Other Tangible	886,578.00
Total value of all Personal Property Assessed	2,723,210.00
Number of Dwelling Houses	4,183
Number of Acres of Land Assessed	12,150
Number of Motor Vehicles and Trailers Assessed	8,017
Number of 1960 Motor Vehicles and Trailers Assessed in 1961	3,652
Value of Motor Vehicles and Trailers	4,448,430.00
Value of 1960 Motor Vehicles and Trailers Assessed in 1961	2,640,050.00
Excise Tax Assessed on Motor Vehicles and Trailers	275,102.45
Excise Tax Assessed on 1960 Motor Vehicles and Trailers Assessed in 1961	109,739.29

VALUATIONS

Value of Buildings Assessed	$24,206,720.00
Value of Land Assessed	3,855,700.00
Total Value of Real Estate	$28,062,420.00

Value of Personal Estate	2,723,210.00	
Total Value of All Assessed Estate	$30,785,630.00	
(upon which taxes have been levied as follows)		
County Tax	37,381.13	
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment	1,998.24	
State Parks and Reservations	8,024.00	
1960 Under Estimate	1,419.66	
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	4,600.17	
Town Appropriation	3,437,406.20	
Amount Necessary to satisfy final Court Judgment	4,090.19	
Deficit due to abatements	2,745.60	
Veterans' Service District	8,631.02	
Overlay of Current Year	75,084.16	
		$ 3,581,380.37

LESS ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Income Tax		213,594.04	
Corporation Taxes		55,241.57	
Reimbursement on Account of Publicly Owned Land		10,742.31	
Old Age Tax (Meals) Ch. 64B S.10		2,891.14	
Motor Vehicles and Trailer Excise		175,000.00	
Licenses		17,000.00	
Fines		500.00	
Special Assessments		11,500.00	
General Government		3,000.00	
Protection of Persons and Property		700.00	
Health and Sanitation		15,500.00	
Charities		24,000.00	
Old Age Assistance		34,500.00	
Veterans' Services		12,000.00	
Schools		102,000.00	
Libraries		150.00	
Recreation		100.00	
Public Service Enterprises (such as Water Dept.)		141,200.00	
Interest on Taxes and Assessments		4,500.00	
State Assistance for School Constr. Chap. 645 Acts of 1948		100,000.00	
Farm Animal Excise		300.00	
Housing Authority		1,500.00	
In Lieu of Taxes (City of Spfld.)		1,800.00	
School Building Assistance (Stabilization)		150,000.00	
Total Estimated Receipts		1,077,719.06	
Over Estimates 1960 — County Tax		82.87	
Amount Voted from Available Funds			
July 6, 1960	27,290.00		
November 22, 1960	9,350.28		
March 4, 1961	212,586.50		
March 4, 1961	120,853.19	370,079.97	$ 1,447,881.90
Net Amount to be raised by Taxation			2,133,498.47
Number of Polls 4,645 @ $2.00		9,290.00	
Value of Personal Property $2,723,210. @ $69.00		187,901.49	
Value of Real Estate $28,062,420. @ $69.00		1,936,306.98	
			$ 2,133,498.47

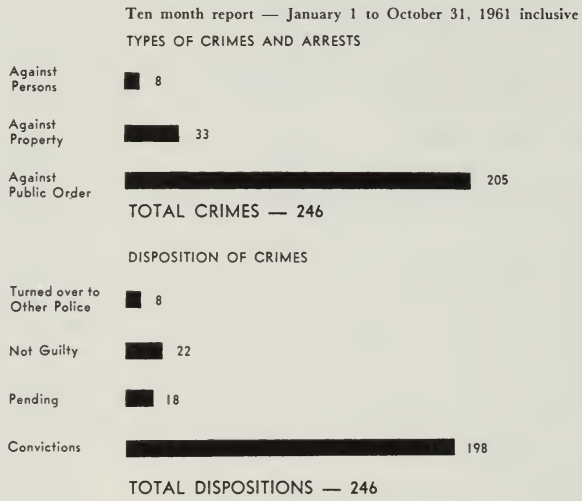
Police Department

This is my final annual report as Chief of the Agawam Police Department.

Throughout my thirty years of service in the department, twelve of which I was privileged to be the Chief, I have never once regretted my life-time work in behalf of law enforcement and good living in the Town of Agawam. Such has been my pleasant relationship with the citizens of our community.

To all the Boards of Selectmen and Police Commissioners for whom I have served during these years, and who so completely gave of their fullest cooperation, I extend my most sincere appreciation.

To the thousands of Agawam residents who have also cooperated with the department under my responsibility as Chief, I value your friendship and now I join in being one of you in living in our good Town.



POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY REPORT

	1961	1960
Arrest		
Against Persons	8	8
Against Property	33	16
Against Public Order	205	442
Total Arrests	246	466
Disposition of Crimes		
Convictions	198	349
Not Guilty	22	40
Pending	18	56
Turned over to other police	8	21
Amount of fines to Town	$ 640.00	$ 755.00
Amount of fines to State or County	$ 3,459.00	$ 3,269.00
Total amount of fines	$ 4,099.00	$ 4,024.00
Value of property recovered	$60,523.75	$19,748.55
Received from revolver permits and dealers licenses	$ 102.00	$ 320.00

Cases transported in ambulance	247	288
Medical cases transported in crusier	195	195
Missing persons found and returned	29	1
Vacant homes checked	232	120
Business establishments checked daily—doors	660	252
Total number of dog complaints received	133	167
Number of accidents reported	137	161
Number of personal injury accidents	88	103
Number of property damage accidents	49	58
Number of fatal accidents	1	4
Total number of complaints received	1187	1194
Total number of traffic arrests	143	318
Total number of traffic warnings	287	103
Reported to Registry for action on license	10	93

No annual report would be complete without stating at the outset that all the members of the Agawam Police Department performed their duties during the past year in a manner that was befitting good police officers. Their dedicated service has been good for the Town and I value the assistance they gave me in carrying out my duties and responsibilities. I also wish to acknowledge the assistance and the valuable equipment presented to the department by various businesses and industries. Their contributions have increased the effectiveness of our local law enforcement.

During the year of 1961, we had fewer motor vehicle violations and six fewer reportable accidents. In 1961 there were 127 violations versus 289 in 1960. This, however, is not progress. These lessened reported violations were caused mainly because of the limited number of police officers who had to spend a greater amount of time involved on the large increase in serious crimes. In 1961 there were ten cases of breaking and entering as against only two in 1960. Larcenies in 1961 totaled fifteen as against only nine in the previous year. Auto thefts also increased during the past year. An increase in serious crimes means automatic additional time and work must be used by the present number of officers. Thus motor vehicle violations, as serious as they are, are of necessity somewhat neglected. More officers will be needed to solve this important problem in safeguarding the people of our community.

Shortage of time-per-man, per-duties-required now means that our officers must start checking the current 660 business doors at eight o'clock every night to the neglect of needed traffic duty.

During 1961, over 1100 complaints were handled by the department. This is approximately 100 more than during the previous year.

Maximum Police Protection involves minimum maneuverability and mobility of our cruisers. It may be of interest to our citizens to know that our crusiers average 6,325 miles each month in the rounds of their local assignments.

I am deeply concerned that the Agawam Police Department shall continue to be as completely equipped with the manpower and physical facilities in the years ahead as it has been during the past. I am confident however that our Town Officials will continue to provide the best of both manpower and equipment. I am also very confident that my successor will do everything possible to continue the fine traditions that make Agawam a good place to work and live.

Fire Department

The Fire Department answered a total of three hundred forty-two (342) calls as follows:

Buildings	**98**
Grass and Brush	**157**
Emergency	**20**
Automobiles	**36**
Dumps	**13**
False	**12**
Needless	**4**
Mutual Aid	**2**
Total	**342**

A total of 335 inspections were made by the Fire Inspector as follows:

Oil and Gas Installations	**141**
Smoke and Burning Complaints	**185**
School Drills	**4**
School Inspections (complete)	**3**
Inspections of all business establishments	**2**
Total	**335**

Maintenance on Apparatus:

Major repairs — Motor rebuilt on 1930 International — Station No. 2. 500 gallon Pump rebuilt on Ford — Station No. 3. Approximately 300 hours spent on repairs of other apparatus.

As chief of the Department I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the entire force of firefighters, both regular and volunteer, for their performance and cooperation since being appointed as Fire Chief by the Board of Selectmen, November 5, 1961.

To all Town Employees, I wish to express my fullest appreciation for all the help and cooperation and especially the Police Department, our sincere thanks for their cooperation at all fires.

To the Citizens — we will strive to merit your continued confidence in us.

In the past year the town had its first Firefighters Ball sponsored by the Agawam Firefighters Association and are happy to report it was a huge success.

In closing I would like to say that Station No. 2 is in very poor condition and any extensive repairs would be useless and recommend a new Station in the very near future.

City Spring & Brake Corp.

Inspector of Buildings

I hereby submit the annual report of the Building Inspector for the year ending December 31, 1961.

104	Dwellings	$1,156,320.00
50	Garages	48,279.00
38	Businesses	192,828.00
92	Additions and Alterations	103,157.00
58	Miscellaneous	372,967.00
34	Demolition	
376		$1,873,551.00

Whereas the first part of the year 1961 building starts were slow, there was a noted increase in the last half of the year. In 1961, 376 building permits were issued compared to 339 permits in 1960.

There were no outstanding developments in business building in 1961. A few of the largest structures erected were the Donut Shop, an addition to the Country Squire Furniture Store at 159 Main Street, the Pond office building on Main Street, Schubach Donut Shop and Alco Equipment Co.

Each building permit issued requires from 3 to 5 inspections by the Building Inspector, large industrial or commercial buildings require daily inspections. He makes about 200 gas inspections per year. Also investigates and reports to the Selectmen on each sign application.

The Inspector also acts as Zoning Officer and checks all violations of the Zoning By-Laws, in this same capacity he makes investigations for the Planning Board and Board of Appeals.

It has been a pleasure to serve you as Building Inspector and I wish to thank the Selectmen and all other departments for their cooperation and help without which investigations and enforcement would be extremely difficult.

Electrical Inspector

During 1961 many new dwellings were electrically heated, and some older homes converted to electric heating systems; necessitating more time for residential inspections.

Inspections of rewiring and additions to wiring in older buildings have brought to light many wiring defects. To date most of these have been corrected, and the rest will be corrected in the near future.

I wish to thank everyone for the cooperation shown me during the past year, and I assure you that I will do my best to see that wiring is safe to life and property.

Department of Public Works

On January 2, 1961, the Board of Selectmen appointed James D. McColl Superintendent of Public Works and on June 30th, 1961, Mr. McColl resigned to accept a position with private industry.

On September 5th, 1961, the Board appointed Armand V. Foote as Town Engineer and is now acting Superintendent of the Department pending the appointment of a Superintendent.

The practice of doing the bulk of highway, sewer and water work by Town Forces has been carried on for the past two years and has proven very economical.

HIGHWAY SECTION: The Chapter 90 Maintenance funds were used to apply surface treatment and shoulder work on the following streets: Pine Street, South Westfield Street, Springfield Street, Southwick Street and Shoemaker Lane. Also Maple and Suffield Streets were resurfaced with 1½" bituminous concrete Type I-1 and bituminous berms were installed.

Under the Chapter 90 Construction program, North Street was reconstructed and relocated beginning at the end of the 1960 portion to North Westfield Street.

South West Street was resurfaced for approximately .69 mi. and parts of it were reconstructed and necessary culverts installed.

The following streets were resurfaced during the year: Wilson Street, Harding Street, Ridgeway Drive, Williams Street, Colemore Street, Barney Street, Emerson Road, Mulberry Street and Annabelle Street. New surface and sub-drains were installed on Perry Lane to correct a bad drainage condition.

In conjunction with a wide range sidewalk program instituted by the Sidewalk Committee, a sidewalk was constructed on Springfield and Mill Streets. This was done under contract. Survey work has been started for a proposed sidewalk on Main Street from Harvey Johnson Drive to Elm Street. The usual maintenance of sidewalks was carried out during the year.

Dust layer was applied to many unpaved streets during the summer months and patching of streets is still being carried on as long as the weather permits.

Rip-rapping was completed on the Agawam side of the Westfield River. 225 miscellaneous complaints were taken care of during the year.

SEWER SECTION: Sanitary sewers were constructed under contract on Silver Street and the Colonial Avenue Interceptor Sewer was completed. The Columbus and Springfield Street sewer is now under construction.

Surface drainage was installed on Suffield Street in the vicinity of the Crompton-Knowles factory. This work was done by Town forces. Additional pumping equipment was put in the sewage pumping station near the Agawam Bridge in order to take care of added flow of sewage in that vicinity. The Springfield Street surface drainage system is now under construction and will alleviate the bad surface water condition in the shopping center area.

Surface drainage was also installed on North Street in certain sections where drainage problems have existed for some time.

81 plugged sewers were cleared during the year. The Board of Selectmen have initiated a new system regarding plugged sewers whereby when a call for service comes into the office, they are told they must have a plumber check their line to determine where the trouble is located. If the plumber finds the trouble in the main sewer line, then the sewer crew is sent out to service the call. This method has worked satisfactorily and has cut down overtime in the sewer section. 58 sewer connections were made and 75 miscellaneous sewer complaints were taken care of throughout the year.

WATER SECTION: A 6" water line was installed on McGrath Terrace to replace a 2" line. This was done in conjunction with a long range program to eventually replace all 2" water lines throughout the Town.

Lateral water connections were installed on North Street in the vicinity of the Halladay and Draghetti property in conjunction with the 1961 North Street reconstruction in order to avoid breaking into the new road at a future time.

45 new water connections were made during the year and 45 water lines were replaced. 525 miscellaneous calls were serviced and 39 water breaks were repaired. 101 new meters were installed and 105 old meters were replaced.

SNOW REMOVAL — RUBBISH — GARBAGE: During the first part of the year, our snow removal operations were quite extensive and costly due to many severe storms. However, at this writing (mid-December) the cost of snow operations has been at a minimum. Arrangements have been made with three contractors to plow sidewalks on all main arteries leading to the schools. Each contractor has been assigned a section that he will be responsible for when the need for his services arises.

Since the closing of the Shoemaker Lane Dump last year, it was necessary to find a new disposal area. The Board of Selectmen negotiated with Mr. Grasso to rent the meadows, off Main Street and this agreement expired on October 15th. At the termination of that contract, arrangements were made with the Springfield Organic Fertilizer Company to use Bondi's Island for dumping purposes and at the present time that location is being used as a disposal area. Garbage is still being collected by Mr. D'Amato. This contract expires December of 1962.

ENGINEERING SECTION: Although currently understaffed, the Engineering Department has carried on to the best of its ability and has worked in unison with the Planning Board on sub-division work. Many inspections have been made and a great deal of field work accomplished, including survey work and staking out various construction projects. We are currently working on plans and specifications for proposed work in 1962. When the Engineering staff is brought up to strength, the work will progress faster.

NEW EQUIPMENT: A new Galion Grader was purchased this year as well as a new backhoe-tractor-loader; a new International 3-ton dump truck and a used G.M.C. sander.

Alice Davis and Joanne Gobeille

Agawam High Band selected to represent state at national marching band contest in Mason City, Iowa. One band from each state will be allowed to compete — selections made by festival committee from pictures, record. Contest will be held June 19, 1962. Band parents are seeking support of community to raise funds for transporting 90 member group to Iowa.

Coach Harry Leonardi accepts trophy at Football Banquet from School Committman Francis Rosso.

Clearing House

We wish to thank the civic organizations, the churches, and the individuals in Agawam for their generous contributions.

Through the Clearing House 28 children were assisted in camperships.

Many Christmas baskets, as well as toys for the children, were distributed.

Furniture, clothing, and other useful articles have been collected and distributed when needed.

The response to needs of people in the Town has been most gratifying.

Housing Authority

The Housing for the Elderly on North Westfield Street was commenced in the spring with ground breaking ceremonies held on March 18th. The 40 housing units and the community building are well along toward completion although the scheduled completion date of December 18, 1961, was not met. It is expected that they will be ready for occupancy by the early part of March. Exterior work on buildings, roads and walks is complete and work is now being done on the interior finish work.

The Authority will make its selections of tenants and advise the accepted applicants as soon as it knows the actual completion date.

During the past year the Authority has added some additional yard lights to better illuminate the grounds and parking areas at the Veterans' projects. In the fall of the year landscaping improvements were started and will be continued in the spring.

Throughout the year many apartments were redecorated and the general condition of all apartments is very good.

Admission and occupancy income limits for housing in the Veterans' Project as set by the State Housing Board are as follows:

ADMISSION LIMITS		OCCUPANCY LIMITS	
1 Minor Dependent	$4500.00	1 Minor Dependent	$5000.00
2 Minor Dependents	4700.00	2 Minor Dependents	5200.00
3 Minor Dependents or more	4900.00*	3 Minor Dependents or more	5400.00

***In computing rents the State Housing Board has given permission for a $200.00 deduction from total family income for each minor dependent in excess of three.**

The average cost of shelter rent for two or three bedroom units (without heat or hot water) is $47.67 per month. During the year there were 13 vacancies which were filled from applications on file.

The Authority has paid to the Town of Agawam this year, in lieu of taxes, the sum of $1,584.00. Financial Statements for Project 200-C (Veterans' Housing) for the fiscal year ended September 30, 1961, along with a balance sheet and Statement of Expenditures as of December 31, 1961, for Project 667-1 (Elderly Housing) are included with this report.

We wish to thank everyone who has helped the Authority in so many ways during this busy year of construction of the Elderly Housing.

BALANCE SHEET

Project 200-C

September 30, 1961

ASSETS

Administration Fund — Third National Bank		$ 7,165.25
Petty Cash		10.00
Accounts Receivable		
State Aid	$ 656.25	
Tenants	829.02	
Miscellaneous	119.94	
		1,605.21
Debt Service Fund 200-1	9,345.00	
Debt Service Fund 200-2	978.17	
		10,323.17
Investment — Worcester Federal Savings	7,352.07	
— Springfield Federal Savings	8,973.64	
— Worcester Federal Savings	3,776.33	
— Debt Service Trust — U. S. Treasury Notes	2,000.00	
— Union Federal Savings	11,146.66	
		33,248.70
Debt Service Trust Fund		1,038.96
Development Costs	471,000.00	
Less: Development Cost Liquidation	84,000.00	
		387,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS		$440,391.29

LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS

Accounts Payable — Sundry		$ .28
Tenant's Security Deposits		1,050.00
Federal and State Withholding Taxes		82.04
Accruals		
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	$ 1,188.00	
Matured Interest and Principal 200-1	9,345.00	
Matured Interest and Principal 200-2	1,420.50	
		11,953.50
Bonds Authorized	471,000.00	
Bonds Retired	84,000.00	
		387,000.00
Reserves		
Debt Service Reserve 200-1	11,071.07	
Debt Service Reserve 200-2	4,539.39	
Unamortized Bond Premium	3,038.96	
Operating Reserve	16,416.33	
		35,065.75
Surplus		5,239.72
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS		$440,391.29

OPERATING STATEMENT

Project 200-C

Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 1961

INCOME		
Shelter Rent	$ 23,827.61	
Utility Charges to Tenants	7,489.00	
Misc. Project Income (Interest)	884.33	
TOTAL PROJECT INCOME		$ 32,200.94
EXPENSE		
Administrative Salaries and Services	1,300.00	
Other Administrative Expense	964.34	
Compensation to Authority Members	310.44	
Accounting Salaries and Services	1,100.00	
Water	1,083.63	
Electricity	443.70	
Gas	1,359.37	
Fuel and Heating Supplies	4,057.39	
Heating Labor	1,000.00	
Materials and Supplies, Repairs and Maintenance	1,095.93	
Contractural Services, Repairs and Maintenance	2,825.89	
Insurance Expense	1,333.25	
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	1,584.00	
Provision for Operating Reserve	2,112.00	
Provision for Debt Service Reserve	1,506.45	
Debt Service Requirements	17,316.08	
TOTAL EXPENSE		39,392.47
DEFICIT (Before State Aid)		7,191.53
STATE AID		
Commonwealth Contribution	8,431.25	
Reduction from Prior Surplus	4,000.00	
TOTAL STATE AID		12,431.25
SURPLUS		$ 5,239.72

HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY

Project 667-1

Balance Sheet as of December 31, 1961

ASSETS	
DEVELOPMENT FUND — Valley Bank & Trust Co.	$ 45,896.52
INVESTMENT — U. S. Treasury Bills	75,000.00
DEVELOPMENT COSTS	400,318.36
INCOMPLETE CONTRACTS	65,336.47
TOTAL ASSETS	$586,551.35
LIABILITIES	
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE — 200-C	$ 49.60
PAYROLL TAXES PAYABLE	314.30
CONTRACT RETENTIONS	18,195.98
NOTES AUTHORIZED	500,000.00
ACCRUED INTEREST ON NOTES	2,655.00
CONTRACT AWARDS	65,336.47
TOTAL LIABILITIES	$586,551.35

Inspector of Plumbing

For the year 1961 there were a total of 484 inspections. They consisted of 245 home inspections, 35 commercial and industrial, 92 hot water heaters, 6 tankless water heaters, 77 septic tank and outside sewers and 29 gas inspections.

Town officials and residents have been most cooperative in helping me to perform and fulfill the various duties required. I would also like to make special mention of Charles Ferrero, Assistant Plumbing Inspector, his help and labors have proven invaluable.

Health Department

I herewith submit my report for 1961 on the programs, vital statistics and activities of the Health Department. It is with sincere thanks that we note Mr. Faucette's fine work of the past 4 years. Mr. Faucette is now a science teacher at the Agawam High School.

In 1961, programs of the past were continued and revised to help meet the needs and changing times of our community. Well Baby Clinics, tuberculin testing programs, immunization clinics, polio clinics, in cooperation with the Springfield Health Department, and health counseling programs have again proved successful with many desired results. The Health Department's budget in 1961 represented only 1% of the tax dollar.

The Columbus Street and Silver Street sewer projects were installed. This project is in gear with the past and current trends of improving the communities environmental health.

Agawam, a member of the Hampden County Association of Boards of Health, was host this year to the Association. The Association toured the new H. P. Hood's plant and held a meeting in town, discussing modern automation in milk plants.

The Mosquito Program this past year was quite successful. Spot spraying and aerial spraying has continued to reduce the mosquito population. This coming year, this office is considering applying a non-DDT product which will give equally satisfying results. It is believed that residents having respiratory conditions will have less trouble with a non-DDT product.

Tuberculin testing was performed on 900 persons in the school system. This is an increase of 109 persons or 12% over last year. First grade, seventh grades and Juniors in the High School were tested under this program. The police department was protected by immunization against influenza in special clinics held in October and November. Special clinics are planned in January of 1962 to protect the Department of Public Works' personnel against poison ivy, typhoid fever and tetanus. They were protected this year against typhoid and tetanus.

The following is a breakdown of the deaths that occured to residents of our town last year from January to December. In 1961 there were 105 deaths. 54% of which died from a heart cause. This is an increase of 7% over last year. The next three greatest causes of death are pneumonia — 12.4%, cancer — 10.5%,

and cerebral causes 7.6%. There is no significant changes in the cause of death this year over last year.

There were 567 communicable diseases reported to the Health Department in 1961. This is a decrease of 672 cases compared to 1960.

Disease	Cases 1961	Cases 1960	Compared 1960
Chicken Pox	132	258	—126
German Measles	8	359	—351
Measles	60	374	—314
Mumps	262	80	+180
Scarlet Fever	20	66	— 46
Whooping Cough	0	10	— 10
Hepatitis	2	1	+ 1
Dysentery	0	1	— 1
Strep Throat	1	1	same
Dog Bites	82	88	— 6

This year there were no reported cases of Meningitis, Tuberculosis, Whooping Cough or Dysentery. Cases of Chicken Pox, German measles, measles and scarlet fever were markedly decreased. The lack of Whooping Cough cases is to be noted. Continued use of vaccine is strongly recommended to remove the threat of whooping cough from the young.

There was a total of 301 licenses and permits issued by the Board of Health. 41 of these were for restaurants. Routine laboratory analysis were made on milk, water and restaurant utensils. Sanitary surveys, percolation tests and septic tank installation examinations were routinely made.

In the coming year, this Department plans to continue the Mosquito control program and to establish new programs of Stream Pollution, Rabies prevention and Food Handling.

In conclusion, I wish to extend an invitation to any and all interested townspeople to visit their Health Department. I also thank the members of the Board of Health, Mrs. Tisdel, the Public Health Nurses, all other departments of the Town Hall, and the townspeople for all their help and cooperation.

Animal Inspector

There continues to be an alarming number of dog bites each year. It is recommended that dogs be tied during the time that children are going to and returning from school. This year rabies have been reported in Massachusetts in the bat population for the first time in its history. Therefore, it is most important that all cases of biting be reported to the Police Department or the Health Department. In the future it is hoped that Rabies Clinics will be started so that all dog owners can protect their dogs against this dreaded disease. Remember! Report all cases of dog bits, cat bite, rodent bite and bat bite.

Barns Inspected	29	No. of Horses	36
No. of Dairy Cows	230	No. of Sheep	4
No. of Dairy Bulls	5	No. of Swine	247
No. of Beef Cattle	61	No. of Dog Bites reported	82

Slaughter Inspector

Mr. Clark Jones made inspections of the following number of animals.

Calves	350
Pigs	150
Goats	15

Public Health Nurses

The Public Health Nurses of Agawam hereby submit their annual report for the year 1961. The total number of nursing calls made from January to December 31 were 3258. These calls include skilled nursing care of the sick in their homes and instructions to someone in the home regarding the care of the patient, teaching of home nursing, maternal and child care. They carried out special immunization programs in the schools and cooperated with the hospitals and doctors by following up patients who needed further nursing care, including mental health care. The two biggest problems in nursing care continues to be adequate care of the elderly citizens and mental health. Our Public Health Nurses have worked very closely with Mrs. Larsen, Director of Social Services, who has many elderly people on her records who are constantly in need of nursing care and counseling.

The breakdown of the nursing calls is:

Diagnosis visits (bedside care and home nursing)	1664 calls
Public Health visits	1594 calls

Public Health Service Visits:

Health Counsel	450	Pre School Children	4
Mental Health	140	School Children	17
Retarded Children	15	School Communicables	645
First Aid	124	Scarlet Fever	24
Premature Babies	36	Salmonella	21
Pre Natal	18	T. B.	55
Post Natal	22	Infectious Hepatitis	3
Infants	8	Impetigo	12

The Well Child Clinic had a total of 175 children and 375 visits to 20 clinics.

Our nurses attended various meetings in the last year to enable them to keep up with the changes in medical and public health care.

Meetings Attended:

January 18th — Visited Belchertown School

Feb. 8th, 15th
Sept. 20th, 27th
Oct. 18th
Nov. 1st, 8th
— Northampton State Hospital In-Service education to acquaint Public Health Nurses with facilities at the hospital and family case studies

March 13th — Mental Health Association Meeting

April 6th — Social Welfare Conference at the Municipal Hospital

April 28th — External Heart Massage Film

May 10th — Heart Seminar at Municipal Hospital

September 19th — Cancer Service Committee

On October 10th the nurses met with a committee from the Agawam Woman's

Club to discuss the loaning cupboard, and it was decided that it be continued. The loaning cupboard has been active for many years and has aided many of our townspeople.

If there are enough ladies in town who would be interested in a special course on "Caring for the Sick," the Public Health Nurses will be glad to plan a program in the near future.

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Consumers voiced dissatisfaction at 1961 Senate Committee hearings on deceptive practices and phraseology on packages.

Advertising media to describe the quantity in a package may seem to infer that a giant quart or a full pound are larger than our standards of the quarts and the pound. Such advertising is describing the quantity of contents of a package to the quantity in a competitive package, it is not refering to our standards.

Net content markings on packages were also the concern of consumers in 1961. Federal Food and Drug Administration never has spelled out in detail where on a package, or in what size type, the net contents must appear. Perhaps in 1962 there would be forthcoming legislation on package markings.

As your sealer I ask you to check your purchases and report to this department any deficiencies noted.

As Sealer of Weights and Measures of the Town of Agawam I hereby submit this annual report for the year ending December 31, 1961.

WEIGHING & MEASURING DEVICES

Adjusted	125
Sealed	734
Not Sealed	2
Condemned	17
Total	878

TRIAL WEIGHINGS AND MEASUREMENTS OF COMMODITIES SOLD OR PUT UP FOR SALE

Total Number Tested	1305
Number Correct	1120
Under	48
Over	137
Total	2610

OTHER INSPECTIONS

Pedlers Licenses	13
Oil Certificates, Out of Town	8
Marking of Bread	24
Marking of Food Packages	1072
Clinical Thermometers	173
Scales (Junk)	3
Manufacturers sealed oil jars	8
Total	1301

SEALERS WORK SUMMARY

Devices Sealed Adjusted Condemned	878
Trial Weighings and Measurements	1305
Other Inspections	1301
Total	3484
SEALING FEES COLLECTED AND TURNED INTO TOWN TREASURER	$351.45

Board of Appeals

Thirty-three petitions asking variations from the requirements of the Zoning By-Laws or the Building Code were filed with the Board during 1961.

Four petitions were withdrawn, six were denied and twenty-three were granted. In several cases where the petition was granted, the Board included in the decision such restrictions as they considered necessary to protect the best interest of the town and neighborhood.

We wish once more to remind persons considering the purchase of a building lot or existing buildings to make sure that plans they may have for the future use of the property are in compliance with the various By-Laws of the town as well as the various State laws involved.

Every year for some time past, the Board has had frequent petitions for variations of side lot requirements to allow the addition of garage and/or breeze-way to an existing dwelling. The Board is able to grant a variance on comparatively few of these petitions because the courts have ruled that if a garage can be located on the lot in such a manner as to comply with the requirements of the Zoning By-Laws, the desire of an owner to have it attached to the house is not a sufficient reason to grant a variation.

Lack of the consideration of the conditions cannot be considered a legal "Hardship". It is absolutely necessary to prove "Hardship" before any variation can be granted.

Tree Warden

All phases of forestry continued in an orderly fashion for the year 1961.

Many old and dangerous trees were removed throughout the town.

Dutch Elm Disease still continues to plague our elms but to the extent that their number is now greatly lessened.

Our spraying program originally designed for the Elms now encompasses all newly planted trees.

New tree planting remains a bright spot for our forestry department. Problems that are now arising are trees that have been affected with new sewer construction. Removal of these trees will have to be done in 1962.

I wish to thank the Police Department and the Highway Department for their close cooperation during the year.

Libraries

On March 1, 1961 the new Board of Library Trustees held their first meeting. Plans were formulated then for the expansion of Library Services, the first step in the necessarily slow process of bringing our libraries up to modern adequate levels.

State Aid to Libraries became effective this year and at the Annual Town Meeting on March 4, 1961, the Library Budget was amended to include the actual grant of $3300.78. It was possible to increase opening time in two libraries from one to three days a week and in the other from four to five days. The book budget was increased to add more depth and variety to the collection and to bring the yearly book acquisitions nearer to the minimum for a community of our size.

A reference book survey was distributed through the school system for suggestions by teachers as to the type of reference material most used for students home assignments and data received was turned over to the librarians.

The Library Trustees have held many board meetings and various subcommittees have also functioned. In addition, representatives of the board have attended meetings on State Aid and Regional Library Developments, met with representatives of the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners on State Aid Qualifications, as well as keeping informed on the standards of Library Service in our Area.

The Board accepted, with regret, the retirement of Mrs. Eva Kerr effective October 1, 1961. Her long and faithful service on the Board of Trustees and as Librarian of the Feeding Hills Library is well appreciated.

We look forward to continuing our efforts towards better Library Services and to a complete cataloguing and classifying of the book collection. We also look forward to the inclusion, in the system, of a trained Professional Head Librarian to work on these projects and to coordinate the activities and services of all three libraries.

	Books	Borrowers	Circulation
Agawam Center	10,993	2,026	20,530
North Agawam	6,799	1,326	18,522
Feeding Hills	6,845	1,028	10,404

Board of Public Welfare

The work of the Welfare Department has been conducted as in other years. Board meetings are held whenever necessary.

There has been an increase in work due to the new Federal category of assistance, "Medical Assistance for the Aged," and also a considerable increase in costs for this assistance.

This town does not have the problem of many towns and cities regarding putting able bodied men to work for the town as we have none such receiving relief.

Welfare Department

This department follows all laws, rules and policies of the State Department of Public Welfare in working with the people and in figuring their budgets in order to get full reimbursement from the State and Federal governments.

The Medical Assistance for the Aged has increased each month. We have been informed that we can expect this increase to continue for some time. The costs are high as most of these cases are in hospitals and nursing homes.

We are reimbursed for the greater part of monies spent for this care as well as for the administration of same.

Due to the above program our Old Age Assistance cases are fewer and thus the cost of this is lower than it has been for some time.

We are pleased to state that the General Relief applications have averaged less than two a month. Of these applications two were opened for emergency relief, the others were all found work or other resources to help them. At present there are only four cases of single unemployable people on our General Relief rolls, and of these none is qualified to receive any other type of assistance. These cases are of minor cost to the Town of Agawam but we do have to pay to other towns and cities for aid given to people who have an Agawam settlement, and this keeps up our costs of General Relief.

The other categories of assistance, namely, "Aid to Dependent Children" and "Disability Assistance" remain about the same with a great deal of work involved for the Aid to Dependent Children program. It is necessary to find, if possible, deserting fathers and get Court orders for support for the children. We work closely with these families to help them with their problems as well as to help them financially.

We have had excellent cooperation from the District Office of the State Department of Public Welfare when we have called on them for advice and explanation of laws, rules and policies.

The Welfare Board has been most helpful and understanding of our problems and have met with us for decisions.

We wish to thank the various departments in the town which have given us fine cooperation. The school nurses and the Board of Health nurses contribute a great deal of help to our Aid to Dependent Children and to our aged, and have worked closely with us.

Cemetery Commissioners

The Cemetery Commissioners held five meetings during the year to plan the maintenance of the five Town controlled cemeteries.

The mowing, trimming of grass, and raking of leaves was let out to contract as has been done in the past. Monuments were reset in cement at the Training School and Federal Hill Cemeteries. This completes the monument resetting program.

Sunken graves in the Town lot at the Springfield Street Cemetery were filled and reseeded.

Veterans' Services

During the year of 1961 the office of Veterans' Services expended the sum of $22,034.09 in aid to Veterans and their dependents.

The sum of $16,518.12 was for Cash Aid and $5,515.97 for Medical and Hospital.

The above is an increase in the amount of $2,650.14 over the 1960 expenditure of which $551.94 is for Medical and Hospital expense.

The department received $12,448.75 in reimbursement from the State.

The Commissioner of Veterans' Services has notified us that there would be an increase in Hospital and Nursing Home rates in 1962 and this will be reflected in our budget.

The above figures for Benefits does not include the cost of administration which is shared by the other member towns in the district, Granville and Southwick.

The cost of administraation for the district in 1961 was a total of $11,091.00.

The district budget for 1962 will be $11,286.00 an increase of $195.00.

This department has assisted Veterans, Widows, etc., in the processing of their claims for Compensation, Pensions, Insurance, etc. This is in addition to the numerous home investigations and trips to the hospitals in Holyoke, Newington and West Roxbury.

I express my appreciation to the Veterans Organizations and the Board of Selectmen for their cooperation during the past year.

Planning Board

The year 1961 will stand out as a year of closer cooperation between the Planning Board and all other departments in the town. Before making any decision of importance, all departments concerned were notified and all available information was discussed.

The Board held four Master Plan meetings besides its regular monthly meetings. The Master Plan is now in its final stages and present at the last meeting were representatives of the following committees: School, Industrial, Betterment and Board of Selectmen, and Technical Associates of New Haven.

In the year 1961 the Town of Agawam joined Regional Planning — with the Planning Board as its representative.

Each member of the board has faithfully given his time and effort to any individual or group interested in building in Agawam, provided they met all the rules and regulations laid down by the Planning Board.

Looking ahead, the Board expects to complete the Master Plan and follow through with the plans and recommendations. Also, to work along with the Regional Planning Group for more coordination with neighborhood towns and cities.

The Board wishes to thank everyone who has in any way worked with them in the past year.

Agawam Public Schools

SCHOOL CALENDAR

September 6, 1961 to June 15, 1962

1961			
September	6	Wednesday	Schools open — beginning of school year
October	12	Thursday	Schools closed — Columbus Day
	20	Friday	Schools closed — Teachers Convention Day
November	23	Thursday	Schools closed — Thanksgiving Vacation
	24	Friday	Wednesday, November 22 — schools close Senior High 11:00 a.m.; Junior High 11:30 a.m.; Elementary 12:00 noon
	27	Monday	Schools reopen
December	22	Friday	Schools close for Christmas Vacation Regular sessions will be held this day
1962			
January	2	Tuesday	Schools reopen
February	16	Friday	Schools close for Midwinter Vacation Regular sessions will be held this day
	26	Monday	Schools reopen
April	13	Friday	Schools closed for Spring Vacation Regular sessions will be held this day
	23	Monday	Schools reopen
May	30	Wednesday	Schools closed — Memorial Day
June	11	Monday	Beginning of last week of school year Elementary schools close at 12:00 noon Junior High School closes at 11:30 a.m. Senior High School closes at 11:00 a.m.
	15	Friday	Schools close for Summer Vacation End of school year

182 School Days

September 6, 1961 to December 22, 1961 — 74 days; January 2, 1962 to February 16, 1962 — 34 days; February 26, 1962 to April 13, 1962 — 35 days; April 23, 1962 to June 15, 1962 — 39 days.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

James Clark
Telephone RE 9-1564
Address: 28 Reed Street

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Junior High School Building — 8:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m.
Appointments should be arranged in advance.

SUPERINTENDENT'S SECRETARY

Mrs. Kathleen Arnold

HOURS IN SESSION

Senior High School
8:00 a. m. — 2:00 p. m.

Junior High School
8:30 a. m. — 2:30 p. m.

Robinson Park Elementary School
8:30 a. m. — 2:30 p. m.

Phelps, Danahy, Peirce, Granger and South
9:00 a. m. — 3:00 p. m.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

	Term Expires
Francis J. Rosso, Chairman	1963
David C. Gallano, Secretary	1964
Paul J. Adams	1962
Hollis F. Kane	1962
Raymond E. Charest	1963
Philip J. DeForge	1964

School Committee

The Agawam School Committee reports the completion of a year which has been satisfactory educationally and financially. Approximately fifty percent of the graduating class went on to higher education. Some graduates were accepted in colleges and universities where competition for admission is keen. The committee received curriculum revision reports in mathematics completed by staff members in grades one thru six. The senior high English staff, under the direction of Miss Eleanor Miller, also completed and forwarded an English curriculum revision.

Twenty-one thousand dollars was turned back to the town excess and deficiency fund in refunded insurance premiums. The Agawam Insurance Men's Association changed to a different company coverage, and the town also profited

from a substantial reduction in rates for public buildings. Two Agawam residents in the insurance field gave the local insurance men's association keen competition in the bidding and thus performed a service to the taxpayers. $805.00 went into the excess and deficiency fund from the sale of excess typewriters. The school committee expects to turn back approximately $30,000.00 more from the 1961 budget. The variables within a million and one-half school budget are large and the taxpayers should expect this budget to fluctuate over or under by approximately two or three percent, which would be normal for any business operation of this size.

The committee requested your support in the last annual town report for a fourteen room addition, plus a gym station, to the senior high school; a $3900.00 heat revision in the junior high; and a budget of $1,450,000.00. We wish to thank the taxpayers for their fine cooperation in these requests.

Again we solicit your support for the following:

1. The acquisition of a strip of land approximately 600' long and 75' wide on the northwest boundary in the rear of the Agawam Junior High School.
2. The appointment of a building committee, plus appropriation of $10,000.00 in funds for preliminary plans and specifications for the addition of a cafeteria to the junior high. This project was recommended by the Agawam School Survey Committee in its report of 1958. The State Building Assistance Commission in Boston would not approve any more classrooms for the junior high school because of limited land area, but would approve the addition of a cafeteria.
3. A budget increase of only three percent as a result of the money returned to the excess and deficiency fund. This compares favorably with a state average increase of between nine and ten percent.

We have attempted to establish policy for the Agawam Public School system which reflects the needs in Agawam, as well as the increased educational demands of the country. Our meetings are open to the public; we welcome your interest and stand ready to supply any information you may request.

Sixth Grade Choral Group — Robinson School Photo by Charles DuBois Hodge

Financial Statement

December 31, 1961

Town Appropriation $1,450,789.00

EXPENDITURES

General Expense	$ 25,070.00
Expenses of Instruction	961,771.97
Textbooks	26,187.01
Stationery and Supplies	19,694.40
Janitors' salaries	99,729.41
Fuel	31,789.29
Misc. Operating Expense & Janitors' Supplies	42,768.12
Repairs and Replacements	26,609.76
Libraries	2,405.02
Health	18,281.92
Transportation	105,160.07
Insurance	14,150.46
Tuition	11,719.88
Miscellaneous	1,657.80
Adult Education	7,248.00
Outlay, New Equipment	9,767.29
Home Economics	3,596.14
School Athletics	4,511.53
Industrial Arts	5,391.63
Travel Outside Commonwealth	100.21
	$1,417,609.91

Superintendent of Schools

Television teaching, machine teaching, team teaching, language laboratories, increased emphasis on science and math, physical education, remedial reading, curriculum revision, guidance adjustment counseling, emotionally disturbed children and acceleration represent some of the pressures placed on the Agawam School System for evaluation.

The teachers and administrative personnel are constantly studying these trends through local principals' groups, regional administrators' meetings, state and national conferences, college courses, and study groups within our own system.

We have operated upon the philosophy that each building represents a research center. Some interesting results have developd:

1. A college inspired reading program at South Elementary School.
2. A variation of team teaching at Granger School.
3. Remedial reading and aural language instruction in French at the junior high.
4. Accelerated groups in junior and senior high.

5. Remedial reading through the use of the tachistoscope and reading accelerators at the senior high.
6. Math curriculum revision, grades 1–6, by a team representing all grades in six elementary schools.
7. Revision of English curriculum by the department, Agawam Senior High School.
8. Mathematics curriculum revision under way, Agawam Junior High School and Senior High School.

We present for your inspection the fourteen-room addition plus gym station at the senior high which opened in November 1961. Your special attention is directed to the two language laboratory rooms with a console, seven active and seven passive booths in each room. Flexibility for instruction in French and Spanish plus full utilization for scheduling was obtained by placing two rows of booths in the rear of these larger rooms. This arrangement has stirred interest due to its flexibility.

The increase from five laboratories to eight in the science area of the wing at the senior high strengthens our science instruction.

Teachers remain in short supply. It was difficult to complete the roster of twenty-eight new staff members needed in September 1961. We have to face a normal turnover of between twelve to fifteen per cent each year. Primary school teachers were needed by most superintendents in this area. The $200.00 across the board voted by the school committee will help to keep the Agawam School System in competition in a keen teacher market.

Your superintendent of schools again recommends the addition of kindergartens to improve the educational offering. This change would permit the increase in age for grade one and would enable first grade teachers to offer more instruction to a better prepared and adjusted group.

Taxpayers support for new school construction has been excellent. Four new buildings have been opened in the past seven years. A vote of thanks goes to the building committees who have given of their time and talents to make this this possible.

It is again in order to alert the citizens of Agawam to our present and future needs. A present need is a new cafeteria for the junior high school. Your support is solicited for the appointment of a building committee with $10,000.00 for preliminary plans and specifications.

The lack of land at the rear of the junior high has been acute for years and has hampered both the girls' and the boys' physical education program. We hope you will support the acquisition of a strip of land seventy-five feet wide by six hundred feet long as a present need.

Future needs for plant and land may best be ascertained by a study of the following enrollment projection completed in January 1962. This projection will remain reasonably accurate, but is subject to changes caused by a recession, sharp increase in the birth rate, or a home building boom.

The facts used to predict plant and land needs are:

1. At present eighty-two elementary classrooms, 30 pupils per room, total 2460 pupils.
2. Twenty-five junior high classrooms at 30 pupils per room, capacity 750 pupils.
3. Agawam Senior High addition brings this building to a 1200 pupil capacity.

These figures applied to the enrollment projection indicate elementary rooms will be needed by September 1964 or Septembr 1965 at the latest. A new junior high is needed for September 1967 when seventh and eighth grade enrollments reach 778 and senior high enrollments reach 1229 pupils. If the junior high is built at this time and the system converted to a 6–3–3, the present senior high will be adequate beyond the last projection year of 1972.

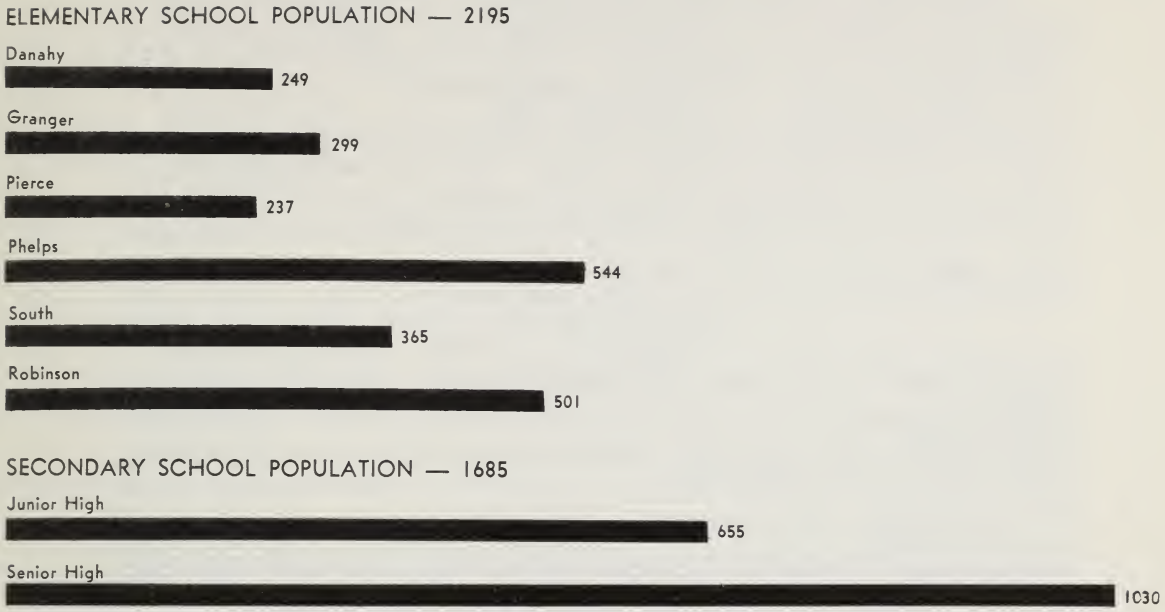
The superintendent of schools thanks the students, teachers, principals, school committee, townspeople, and taxpayers for cooperation in improving the Agawam Public Schools. The administration has operated relatively free from politics or other specialized interest. The hope is that all were served cooperatively with favoritism toward none.

REIMBURSEMENT BY THE COMMONWEALTH AND OTHER RECEIPTS

	1960	1961
Chapter 70 (Teachers' Salaries)	$ 153,427.65	$ 162,072.65
Chapter 71 (Transportation)	86,328.76	82,995.10
Vocational Home Economics	3,246.66	1,499.20
Adult Education	2,283.70	3,315.45
Trade School Tuition	11,368.03	10,220.90
Transportaation of Pupils to Vocational Schools	436.33	500.25
Tuition and Transportation of State Wards	1,186.37	1,748.20
Tuition received from other Towns	1,317.72	812.11
Receipts from Industrial Arts Department	369.23	488.36
Receipts from Rental of School Property	549.00	687.00
Transportation of Blind Child	938.00	
Receipts — Sale of Typewriters		805.00
Special Education	14,006.98	14,671.94
National Defense Education Funds	3,150.53	2,256.21
Insurance Receipts from Stolen Property		110.90
Refund of Insurance Premiums		20,592.14
Miscellaneous Receipts	287.11	392.34
	$ 278,896.07	$ 303,167.75

COST OF SCHOOLS TO TOWN

Total Expenditures by the Town	$1,360,415.85	$1,417,609.91
Reimbursements	278,896.07	303,167.75
	$1,081,519.78	$1,114,442.16



SCHOOL LUNCH REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 1961

PARTICIPATION:

	Phelps	Granger	Peirce	Danahy	South	Robinson	Jr. High	High	Total
Average DAILY Attendance	517	279	208	223	357	459	645	895	3583
Average Served DAILY to Children									
Type A Lunches with Milk	286	179	103	134	218	334	406	649	2309
Milk Only	157	77	73	63	124	109	110	268	981

Total Type A Lunches Served during the year: 406,190
Needy Lunches Served during the year: 4,766

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Balance December 31, 1960	$ 8,284.93
Lunchroom Receipts	125,532.96
U.S.D.A. Claims Received	27,837.35
Total Cash on Hand	$161,655.24
Less Disbursements	157,783.96
Balance December 31, 1961	$ 3,871.28
U.S.D.A. Claims Due	8,952.70
Balance	$ 12,823.98

High School Principal

Presently, the fourteen rooms and gymnasium teaching station of the new addition are occupied. The facilities and appointments exceeded all expectations. Truly, they are the "rooms of tomorrow." The building committee deserves limitless praise and thanks for its forethought and generosity.

The language laboratories in particular fill a long-felt need as they aid greatly in the aural-oral aspect of language teaching. The seven well-equipped science laboratories insure continuance of the school's well-balanced program in the subject area. Increase in the number of regular classrooms eliminate the necessity for the so-called "floating teachers" that characterized the school for a number of years. Now each teacher has his specific room.

During seven weeks at the beginning of the school year, approximately 120 freshmen were housed in the Junior High School due to lack of space in this building. Although it was their intense desire to be with their contemporaries here, they maintained an excellent record in sportsmanship and academic achievement. They deserve commendation.

It has always been the policy of the school to develop the individual student to the extent of his capacity and ambition, and train him for valuable membership in society. Whether it is his aim to further his education in another school or end his formal education on reception of his diploma, he receives impartial consideration.

The success of a cosmopolitan high school is dependent on these aims and a highly diversified curriculum. Requirements for entrance to schools of advanced education vary only slightly and those offerings may be almost inflexible but the number of subjects necessary for the varied needs of the non-college student vary greatly. The larger number of subjects added to the school's course of study during the last few years has been for the latter group.

Competition in all walks of life now demands high standards and the school conforms to the pattern set. The work of students must be good to earn passing grades.

The Pro Merito Society terminated its existance during the last school year. Its passing will be a cause of regret for it had considerable sentimental value to successful students of former years. As a replacement the school accepted a charter of the National Honor Society.

Additional requirements must be met for membership in the latter organization. The Pro Merito acceptances were based only on an 85% or better academic average. National Honor requires the same scholastic standing but in addition considers sportsmanship, citizenship and participation in co-curricular activities. Another advantage is that the Honor Society, as the name would denote, has national recognition while Pro Merito was restricted to a small area locally.

The names of the following were accepted as Pro Merito members during the last school year.

Carole May Bannick
James Philip Belisle
Joyce Claire Boissonault
Linda Mae Burgess
Carolyn Ruth Claflin
Rosemarie Ann Commisso
Edward Walter Connelly, Jr.
Donna Rae Davis
Lillian Mary Drewnowski
Diane Marie Driscoll
Vivian Ann Faye
David Michael Ferrarini
Beverly Ann Karam
Frances Mariann Kopcinski
Dianne Lee Mabb
Kathleen Gail McDonnell
Pamela Ann Montagna
Allan Leigh Morgan
James Edward Noftall
Thomas Walter Panke
Patricia Anne Ramah
Judith Louise Schinelli
Peter Andre Seguin
Carol Ann Stetson
Gary Raymond Swanson
Jerene Ernestine Taylor
Linda Mae Taylor
Richard Joseph Thompson

The names of the winners of prizes for extraordinary work in the subject fields mentioned follow:

Citizenship — Daughters of the American Revolution ..... Dianne Mabb
History Award — Veterans of Foreign Wars — $10 ..... Frances Kopcinski
Problems of Democracy — Walter S. Kerr Barracks #396 —
World War I Veterans — $10 ..... Thomas Biuso
International Relations Prize — Agawam Women's Club — $5 ..... Frances Kopcinski
Personality Club Awards — $10 each ..... Carol LaPine
Richard Wilson
American History Award — Agawam Junior Women's Club — $25 ..... Allan L. Morgan
Bookkeeping Award — $5 ..... Linda Burgess
Commercial Award — Agawam Women's Club — Stenography — $5 ..... Lillian Drewnowski
Business Education — Underwood — Certificate ..... Lillian Drewnowski
Third National Bank (West Spfld.) — Highest Commercial Award — $25 .... Lillian Drewnowski
Latin — Benjamin J. Phelps — Agawam Lions Club — $10 ..... Thomas Panke
Foreign Language Award — Agawam Junior Women's Club — $25 ..... Diane Driscoll
Music — Agawam Women's Club — $5 ..... Dianne Mabb
Music — Arion Award — Medal ..... Dianne Mabb
Band — Arion Award — Medal ..... Bruce Haynes
Art — Agawam Women's Club — $5 ..... Linda Varney
Industrial Arts Award — Veterans of Foreign Wars — $5 ..... Max Kozynoski
Mathematics and Science — Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute ..... Thomas Panke
Felix DePalma Mathematics Prize — $10 each ..... Frances Kopcinski
David Ferrarini
Science — Bausch & Lomb — Medal ..... Frances Kopcinski
Science Award — Agawam Junior Women's Club — $25 ..... Donna Davis
Julian Magiera Student Council Award — Class of '43 — $5 ..... Thomas Biuso
English Award — Agawam Women's Club — $5 ..... Gary Swanson
English Award—for outstanding work in general commercial English—$5 .... Lillian Drewnowski
English Award — Reading — $5 ..... Suzanne Sporbert
Victor Emmanuel Auxiliary — Excellence in English — $25 ..... Barbara Wiles
Clarissa H. Phelps English Prize — $25 ..... Allan Morgan
Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cataldo, Agawam Food Mart
Highest Academic Averages for boys and girls — $50 each ..... Frances Kopcinski
Allan Morgan

The school is deeply grateful to the above donors and it will welcome other awards. Often such contributions shape the destiny of a pupil.

A well balanced program of co-curricular activities supplemented the academic offerings. It presented many concomitant learnings.

The success of this year was due to your helpful interest Mr. Clark, the faith of the School Committee, the unselfishness of the citizens and cooperation of faculty and students.

Junior High School Principal

The school year of 1961 brought many desirable improvements to our junior high school. It is my sincere hope that many of these long range projects which we have started will be continued in the school year of 1962.

One of the most progressive steps was the appointment of Mr. David D'Antonio as a full time guidance counsellor to our junior high school staff. A partial list of duties approved by the school committee for our new guidance counsellor are as follows:

1. Interviewing all seventh grade students during the first term of school and bringing their permanent record cards up to date.
2. Interviewing between marking periods any failing students. The purpose of this interview is to work with the student and parent trying to find reasons for these failures.
3. Administering intelligence and achievement tests to all new students entering our school.
4. Furnishing career and job opportunity information to the students as well as information on higher institutions of learning.
5. Interviewing all eighth grade students before they move on to the high school and bringing their permanent record cards up to date.

I believe the school committee is asking the citizens of Agawam to appoint a building committee for a new cafeteria for the junior high school. I have been urging the town to help us with this much needed project for the past three or four years and also note that previous finance committees recommended that we should not defer this project too long. This is also a recommendation of the special survey committee which made a study of school needs for the Town of Agawam.

School administrators are continually reminded of trends in education and we in Agawam are trying to keep up to date without making radical changes. We were able to try a course in conversational French with seventh grade pupils last year which worked quite successfully. In the near future we should consider having a full time modern foreign language teacher.

There is a definite trend toward up-grading the mathematics curriculum at all levels. This has been accomplished in the elementary schools and presently our junior high school mathematics teachers are putting in many extra hours revising our junior high school course of study in mathematics.

We are extremely proud of our new junior high school library. A year ago last September our school committee furnished us with new furniture for our library. We started with less than fifty volumes and in less than a year and a half we now have close to 1000 books. These have been made available through National Defense Education funds, profit from our magazine campaign drive, and the annual appropriation in the school budget for our library. I wish to commend Miss Esther Dillon and Mr. Cornelius McMahon who have given so generously of their time to organize this library and supervised the installation of the Dewey System.

This year our major project with funds obtained from the magazine campaign was the installation of four electric water coolers for our junior high school students. The students are proud of this new equipment which provides all of them with a nice cool drink of water. The cost of this project which includes new electrical outlets and plumbing exceeded $700.

We were happy that we were able to accommodate 120 ninth grade pupils from September's opening until November 13th. By doing this our ninth grade pupils were able to have full school days instead of double sessions until the addition to the high school was completed.

Our junior high school pupils are always ready to help the less fortunate. Prime examples of this is the work of the girls and boys in the Junior Red Cross with the aid of the home economics department. Over 175 stuffed toys were made for local hospitals and state institutions, and many decorated candy jars were made and filled for the elderly.

Our eighth grade girls club donated $35 to UNICEF from a dance which was sponsored by them.

We point with pride to our freshman football team which has been undefeated for three years and this past year was undefeated and unscored upon. This team is coached by Mr. Clifford Kibbe, our physical education instructor, and many of the players are also members of the junior high school.

In closing I would like to thank you Mr. Clark, the school committee, and especially the citizens of Agawam for their loyal support to our schools. Without this support we would not be able to have the many excellent improvements which have been made during the past year in our junior high school building. I would also like to thank the teaching staff of our junior high school for the many extra curricular duties which they perform outside of the classroom.

Photo by Charles DuBois Hodge

Junior High Physical Education

Elementary School Principals

This has been a year with fewer changes than usual. There was some redistricting of boundary lines in all sections except Phelps. Due to the rapid growth in the Feeding Hills area, the entire sixth grade had to be transported to Robinson Park.

One of the highlights of the year was the revision of the Arithmetic Curriculum. First, the teacher volunteers met in their own buildings one night each week until each group had made out a tentative outline. Then they combined forces in one central spot and divided into committees for each grade. During this period of intensive research, several publishing companies sent a representative to give ideas as to the new trends in this vital subject in the space age. The results of this work were highly commended by the school committee and starting in September of this year the revised course was initiated.

Open house in November brought in a record number of parents. The only drawback in some of the schools was lack of time as five minutes was allotted for each parent. We want parents to understand that we are open at all time for visitation. However, if a conference is desired, please call the principal and arrangements will be made.

The music festival under the combined efforts of Mrs. Cunningham and Mr. Crotty drew such a crowd that it seems advisable to divide this event in the future — one evening for the vocal and one for the band. Mr. Gagnon, music instructor at Granger and South Elementary, displayed the talents of these children, presenting at each school the "Spring Music Festival On the Green". Many parents attended and favorable reports were made.

Achievement tests were administered in April to grades two, three, four, five, and six. In all rooms the median was as high or higher than the national norms. In several instances room averages were from one year and six months to two years above this norm. In October the Otis Intelligence tests were given by the principals and teachers in grades two and five. The scores from these tests have been placed on the permanent record card of each student.

Physical education is still confined to grades four, five, and six. Mr. Weiner continues to do outstanding work with the children. We are pleased that for part of the year he had students from Springfield College to assist him. We hope that an additional instructor will be added in this area in September of 1962. If this becomes a reality, the lower grades will be included in the program of body building.

The Science and Social Studies exhibits were held in each of the elementary schools. Friends and parents showed a great interest in this project.

School savings amounted to over $28,000. This program is sponsored by one of our local banks. At present the interest paid is 4%.

Community activities remained the same as in former years with the exception of the tag day for the Phelps Scholarship Fund. This event will be held in the spring.

We wish to thank the Agawam School Committee, Mr. Clark, Superintendent of Schools and his able office staff, teachers, doctors, nurses, lunch room personnel, and custodians for their cooperation.

Adult Education

In its ninth year of operation the Agawam Evening School shows a continued growth in the number of students and course offerings. This year 349 students have registered for eighteen practical arts courses and 116 students are registered in thirteen classes in the academic program. Once again, four courses have been offered through the University Extension service with 140 people taking advantage of offerings in electronics, investing in stocks and bonds and a Russian language course. All told, 605 students are enrolled in the program.

We have added three new courses this year. Leathercraft and upholstering are being offered for the first time and office practice has been heavily registered.

The following people completed the necessary courses and in May received evening high school diplomas:

Philip Denning
Alphonse Dube
Mrs. Genevieve Fink
Mrs. Patricia Fountain
Susan Haskel
Raymond Nardi
Mrs. Doris Psholka
William Schindler
Robert Stefanik
Mrs. Elizabeth Swartz
Thomas Tourville
Perry Woodbury
Joseph Lovotti

On April 6th and 7th, 1961, the fourth annual exhibit of crafts and creative arts was held in the Agawam Junior High School auditorium. Approximately 1000 people attended and it was believed by the teachers that this show has helped to increase the participation by townspeople in the practical arts program.

In May, several of our classes exhibited their fine creations at the Springfield Guild of Artists show at Stanley Park. Both exhibitions received many compliments for which I, in behalf of the teachers and students, was very grateful. Mrs. Gertrude Fobes, teacher of decorated ware, had the responsibility of arranging these two exhibits.

I wish to thank the school committee for its belief in this program and I am most grateful for the splendid cooperation of the entire staff.

School Health

Physical examinations were given to all students in the first, third, fifth, seventh and tenth grades and to all new students by Dr. Wein and Dr. Kohn. Dr. Tate was in charge of medical emergencies at four home football games, and also performed examinations in connection with athletics.

Mantoux tuberculosis tests were given to the students in first, seventh, and eleventh grades. Also, to school personnel as required.

Dr. Stevens, the school dentist, treated four hundred children in the clinics at Phelps and Granger schools. Children from other elementary schools were transported to these centers.

Three thousand three hundred and sixty eye tests were given, three thousand three hundred ear tests were administered and in each case, where needed, notices were sent home listing difficulties. Sixty-five pairs of glasses were recommended,

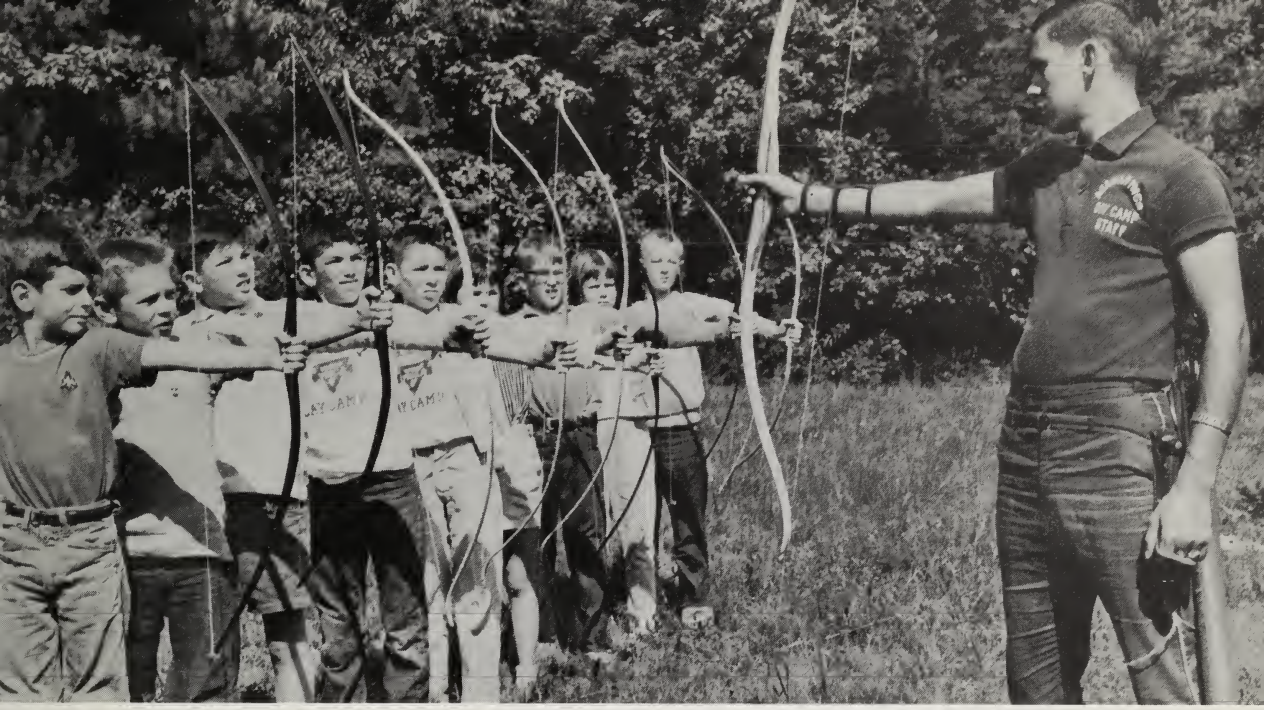
of which fifteen pairs were provided through the cooperation of the Agawam Lions Club, and two hearing aids were made available. Other cases were referred to the Hearing League of Springfield for care. Several children were sent to area guidance clinics, mental health clinics, and summer camps.

Nurses visits for first aid and other treatments were approximately nine hundred students in eight schools, home visits totaled three hundred and ten, and follow-up work in homes was done in fifty-two cases.

Mrs. Kane and Mrs. Wilson attended a State Nurses Association meeting in Boston. All four nurses attended a conference on social welfare, handicapped children and mental health. Margaret Sullivan, State Supervisor from the Department of Public Health visited the schools and made valuable suggestions.

We appreciate the cooperation of the Town of Agawam social welfare and health department employees. We also appreciate the cooperation of the parents, teachers, principals, and the superintendent of schools.

Progress on Construction of High School Addition



Group of boys at the Community Y.M.C.A. Day Camp in Archery Class with Archery Director, Edward Yarmac. The Y.M.C.A. was invited to develop a recreational program in Agawam in 1954. Leading citizens incorporated the Agawam Community Y.M.C.A. in 1958 and a program of teenage dances, day camp, athletic and gym programs, clubs and special group activities has grown through the years with the Community "Y" now serving 1200 young people yearly. The acquisition of a 9½ acre tract of land, in the center of town, in the winter of 1961, assures the continued growth of this youth serving agency. An outdoor swimming pool and other recreational facilities will be developed on this site in the future.

Riverside Park Bowling Alleys

AGAWAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS
PROJECTION OF FUTURE ENROLLMENTS
1961 — 1962

Allocated Births	School Year	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Totals
1949 — 211	1955–56	345	328	345	348	239	240	245	216	214	114	141	91	2866
1950 — 236	1956–57	363	330	350	354	339	238	256	230	224	207	124	99	3114
1951 — 234	1957–58	376	364	355	349	339	337	275	226	260	212	189	79	3361
1952 — 274	1958–59	397	362	366	357	332	335	350	244	240	227	200	151	3561
1953 — 314	1959–60	384	356	358	337	353	303	334	323	228	211	195	149	3531
1954 — 289	1969–61	394	367	361	357	330	338	308	334	323	228	211	195	3746
1955 — 324	1961–62	389	391	379	366	349	340	349	308	340	292	224	169	3896
Percent Persistance		**1.43**	**.96**	**1.03**	**1.00**	**.99**	**.98**	**1.05**	**.94**	**1.03**	**.93**	**.96**	**.78**	
1956 — 311	1962–63	445	373	403	379	362	342	357	328	317	316	280	175	4077
1957 — 325	1963–64	465	427	384	403	375	355	359	336	338	295	303	218	4258
1958 — 346	1964–65	495	446	440	384	399	371	373	337	346	314	283	236	4424
1959 — 306	1965–66	438	475	459	440	380	391	390	351	347	322	301	221	4515
1960 — 325	1966–67	465	420	489	459	436	372	411	367	362	323	309	235	4648
1961 — 310	1967–68	443	446	433	489	454	432	391	386	378	337	310	241	4740
1962 — 325	1968–69	465	425	459	433	484	445	454	368	398	352	324	242	4849
1963 — 325	1969–70	465	446	438	459	429	474	467	427	379	370	338	253	4945
1964 — 325	1970–71	465	446	459	438	454	420	498	439	440	352	355	264	5030
1965 — 325	1971–72	465	446	459	459	434	445	441	468	452	409	338	277	5093

AGAWAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

PROJECTION OF FUTURE ENROLLMENTS

TOTALS

Year	1–12	Enrollment Increase	1–6	6–8	7–8	7–9	9–12	10–12
1960–61	3746		2147	980	642	965	957	634
1961–62	3896	150	2214	997	657	997	1025	685
1962–63	4077	181	2304	1027	685	1002	1088	771
1963–64	4258	181	2409	1050	695	1033	1154	816
1964–65	4424	166	2535	1081	710	1056	1179	833
1965–66	4515	91	2583	1132	741	1088	1191	844
1966–67	4648	133	2641	1150	778	1140	1229	867
1967–68	4740	92	2697	1290	777	1155	1266	888
1968–69	4849	109	2711	1267	822	1220	1316	918
1969–70	4945	96	2711	1368	894	1273	1340	961
1970–71	5030	85	2682	1357	937	1377	1411	971
1971–72	5093	63	2708	1354	909	1361	1476	1024

Building Committee

At its Annual Meeting on March 4, 1961, the Town of Agawam appropriated the sum of $457,500.00 for the purpose of constructing an Addition to the High School.

A contract was signed with L. D. Phillips Construction Company on March 15, followed ten days later by ground breaking ceremonies to give an official start to the Addition.

In order to provide Agawam with an educationally balanced High School Plant, work was required in three distinct areas.

1. Classroom area consisting of 14 rooms, two of which contain equipment for teaching languages.
2. Physical Education area which includes a new gymnasium, an asphalt surfaced play area and alterations to the locker rooms and hot water supply.
3. Science area involving alterations and new equipment entirely within the existing building.

The Committee declared the classroom area as substantially complete November 10, 1961, thereby permitting four classrooms of Freshmen Students, located on a temporary basis in the Junior High School, to rejoin their classmates in the Senior High School.

An extension of time was granted the L. D. Phillips Construction Company to complete the gymnasium which opened on January 8, 1962.

Architect, Alfred P. Casella, a graduate of Agawam High School, has received praise from the faculty, the School Administration, the Building Committee and many others for a well designed, beautiful structure.

A cordial invitation is extended to all interested persons to attend Dedication Ceremonies and Open House planned for March 25, 1962.

Ernest C. Swanson, Chairman
Elizabeth B. Pond, Secretary
Donald H. Mattoon, Treasurer
Raymond E. Charest
B. Edward Dahdah
James Clark, Advisor
Frederick T. Dacey, Advisor
Paul R. Langlois, Advisor

Language Lab — New High School Addition Photo by Charles DuBois Hodge

Jury List

Albano, Alice G. — Housewife
59 Simpson Circle

Balboni, Walter A. — Dental Technican
134 Walnut Street

Balthazar, George — Group Leader
80 Brookline Avenue

Barden, David C. — Mason
67 Carr Avenue

Barker, Beatrice M. — Bookkeeper
209 Elm Street

Barufaldi, Daniel J. — Hdwe. Str. Prop.
132 Liberty Street

Bassani, Benjamin — Sales Representative
74 Spencer Street

Bedard, Alda — Typist-Clerk
371 So. Westfield Street

Berthiaume, Francis A. — Gilbert & Barker
148 Walnut Street

Biglin, James W. — Laborer
597 Springfield Street

Bitgood, John C., Jr. — Production Control
1010 Suffield Street Clerk

Borgatti, Anna F. — At home
244 Walnut Street

Bouley, Edmund Albert — Die Press Oper.
27 Letendre Avenue

Botelho, Benjamin — Laboratory Techn.
97 Homer Street

Bottaro, Ralph J. — Self-Employed Rest.
228 Walnut Street Business

Bradway, Earl C. — Machinist
316 No. West Street

Bragg, Evelyn A. — Receptionist
79 Doane Avenue

Breveglieri, Franklin L.—Design Draftsman
58 Harvey Johnson Drive

Cadorette, Rene B. — Hamilton Standard
7 Edward Street

Cantelli, Albert A. — Machine Operator
117 Franklin Street

Capitanio, Francis — Iron Worker
130 Leonard Street

Cardone, Joseph L. — Grocery & Meat
232 Elm Street Mkt. Owner

Carlson, Elsie C. — Home Maker
7 Cooper Street

Cassanelli, Rita A. — Sewing Machine
115 Edward Street

Castelli, Sileo Silvio — Prop.
28 King Street

Colli, Ida — Instructor
33 Prospect Street

Crichton, Frank G. — Roofing
444 No. Westfield Street

Crowley, Florence E. — Housewife
209 Maple Street

Chapman, Virginia F. — Clerk
111 Adams Street

Christopher, Delia A. — Rag Sorter
113 Bridge Street

Christopher, Jennie M. — Housewife
170 Meadow Street

Clifford, Oscar J., Jr. — Field Ser. Engineer
126 Albert Street

Dane, Edwin S. — Bldg. Materials
29 Florida Drive

Danford, Joan M. — Western Mass. Co-
55 So. Park Terrace Ordinator Holy
Family Guild

Daubitz, Walter F. — President - Oxford
206 Maynard Street Tool & Gage Co.

DeForge, Philip J. — New Eng. Tel. & Tel.
137 Florida Drive

Deloghia, Irene J. — Office Worker
121 Fairview Street

DeMars, Augustus J. — Shipping Clerk
86 Ottawa Street

DeSimone, Lottie F. — Waitress
72 Albert Street

DeSimone, Stephen R., Jr. — Foreman
72 Albert Street

DeVecchi, Agnes A. — Office Clerk
10 Winthrop Street

Driscoll, Ann Margaret — Unemployed
58 Bessbrook Street

Dufault, Leo J. — Maint. Welder
18 Portland Street

Fenton, Phyllis — None
21 Ridge Avenue

Ferioli, Dante A. — Supervisor
13 Horsham Place

Ferranti, William R. — Supervisor
101 High Street

Field, Edward F. — Engineering Tech.
176 North Street

Fini, Philip — Farmer
43 Harding Street

Flaro, William P. — Contractor
115 Liberty Street

Foley, John James — Shaft Straightner
45 Sunset Terrace

Fountain, Harold — Toolmaker
18 James Avenue

Fuchs, Barbara P. — Office Super.
16 Alfred Street

Fuller, Malcolm H., Jr. — Landscaping
65 Central Street

Fusick, Joseph M. — Unemployed
554 Mill Street

Giordano, Freddy J. — Tobacco Farm
94 Garden Street

Greenfield, George — Poultry Farmer
831 So. Westfield Street

Hayes, Kathleen E. — Office Manager
75 Silver Street

Hebert, Alfred J. — Supervisor A & P
1152 Main Street

Hersey, Robert F. — Premoid Corp.
385 Springfield Street

Holloway, Clarence E. — West. Mass. Elec.
278 No. Westfield Street

Horne, Edward Robson — Asst. Train Desp.
74 Springfield Street

Jenks, Frank H. — Machinist
21 James Street

Jenks, Prentice R. — DePalma Bus Co.
262 No. Westfield Street

Kellogg, Alvin R., Jr. — Valley Bank
173 No. Westfield Street Bank Teller

Kellogg, Everett A. — Meat Cutter
49 South Street

Keough, Harriet S. — Saleswoman
102 Doane Avenue

Kibbe, Stuart A., Jr. — Hamilton Standard
40 Doane Avenue

Lavalette, Francis J. — Bdwy. Office Sup.
16 Ralph Street

Ledger, Leo J., Jr. — Electrical Tester &
393 Silver Street Inspector

Leporati, Albert A. — Welder
1026 Springfield Street

Letellier, Rose R. — Execu. Secretary
186 Maple Street

Light, Roderic H. — U. S. Rubber Co.
1054 Shoemaker Lane

Liptak, George S. — Electrician
31 Brookline Avenue

Loncto, Gertrude M. — Clerk
46 Cleveland Street

Longhi, Carmino, Jr. — Truck Driver
148 Liberty Street

Losito, Michael Peter — Zielinski Bros.
489 Shoemaker Lane

Lovotti, Louis J. — Insurance Agent
30 George Street

Lowell, Sally F. — Housewife
29 Albert Street

Magistri, Virginio — Hydraulic Press &
107 Franklin Street Assembler

Malley, Wallace E. — Sheetmetal Mechanic
71 Doane Avenue

Margolis, Albert B. — Fruit Manager
195 Cooper Street

Maule, Bruno — Auditor
81 River Road

Mendes, Joaquin M. — Construction
18 Begley Street

Mercadante, Anthony — Foundry Worker
15 Agnoli Place

Moore, Rita G. — Housewife
41 Federal Avenue

Morin, John M. — Airline Pilot
208 Adams Street

Morley, Kennith I. — Milk Dealer
41 Ottawa Street

Murphy, Richard H. — Perkins Gear
21 Annable Street

Myers, Joseph W. — Sheet Metal Worker
17 Hall Street

McCarthy, Walter F. — Conductor
280 North Street

McCobb, Perry A. — Service Eng.
20 Ridgeway Drive

McLellan, Kenneth P. — Clerk
56 River Street

Nacewicz, Edward S. — Clerk
66 Norman Terrace

Newman, Jean M. — Secretary
194 School Street

Nutbrown, Wesley H. — Lithograph Oper.
479 North Street

O'Connor, Charles G. — Tool Designer
67 Taft Street

Oliver, Ralph M. — Machine Set-up
70 Lealand Avenue

Osolinski, Peter P. — Tool Maker
1059 Shoemaker Lane

Paulson, Charles E. — Artesian well driller
128 Ridgeway Drive

Pederzani, Basil — Assembler
187 Shoemaker Lane

Pedulla, Rose V. — Billing Clerk
341 Meadow Street

Penna, Alfred R. — Elec. Maint.
272 High Street

Pernice, Eunice M. — Cashier
15 Alfred Street

Phaneuf, Annette M. — Secretary
25 Ley Street

Philbrick, Clarence H., Jr. — Meat Cutter
100 Sylvan Lane

Pickard, Marguerite C. — Manager
46 Green Acre Lane

Pisano, Richard E. — Insurance
83 Oak Hill Avenue

Poggi, Andrew D., Jr. — Methods Eng.
123 Spencer Street

Pond, Everett H. — Pond-Ekberg Co.
873 So. Westfield Street

Prior, Hazel M. — Clerk-Typist
17 No. West Street

Protzenko, Mary — Housewife
48 Lincoln Street

Remington, Roland R.—Stationary Fireman
34 Begley Street

Rinaldi, Joseph N. — Mach. Operator
386 Poplar Street

Russell, Leo B. — Buyer
497 North Street

Schaedlich, Ernest H. — Gear Grinder
991 No. Westfield Street

Silvestri, Alfonso A. — Machine Oper.
67 Highland Street

Smith, Gertrude N. — Secretary
663 Main Street

Solitario, Frank J. — Mink Farm
578 No. Westfield Street

Sporbert, Dianne D. — Clerk
155 Shoemaker Lane

Stefanik, Robert — Vendor Prod. Control
70 Northwood Street

Sullivan, William J. — Spfld. Water Dept.
1121 No. West Street

Sutcliffe, Eleanor — Bookkeeper
122 Southwick Street

Talmadge, Edward W. — Grocery Store
23 Oak Hill Avenue Prop.

Thompson, Raymond C. — Assembler
61 Valley Street

Tisdel, Merrill O. — Salesman
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32 Elm Street Engineer

Tower, Donald R. — Foreman
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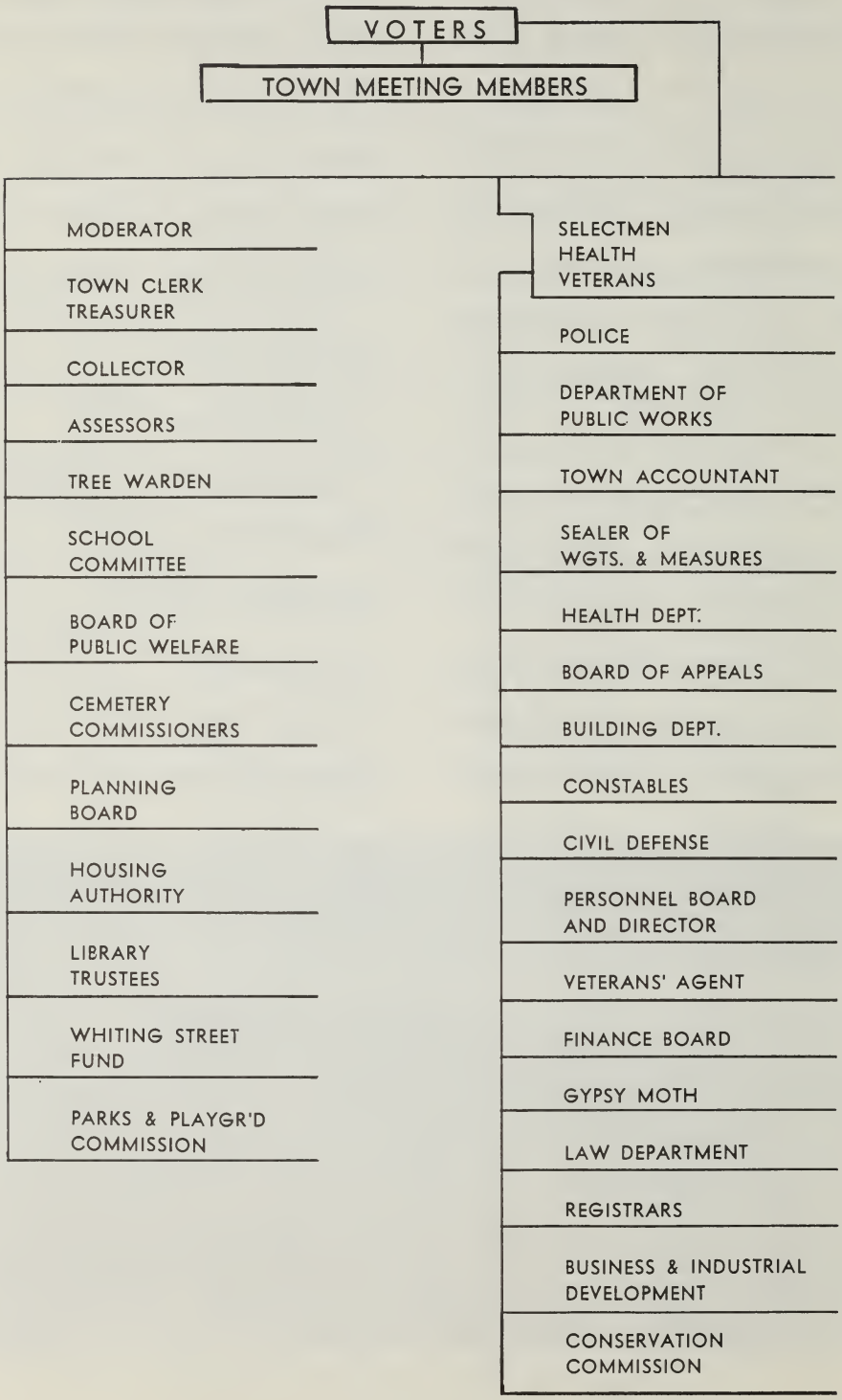

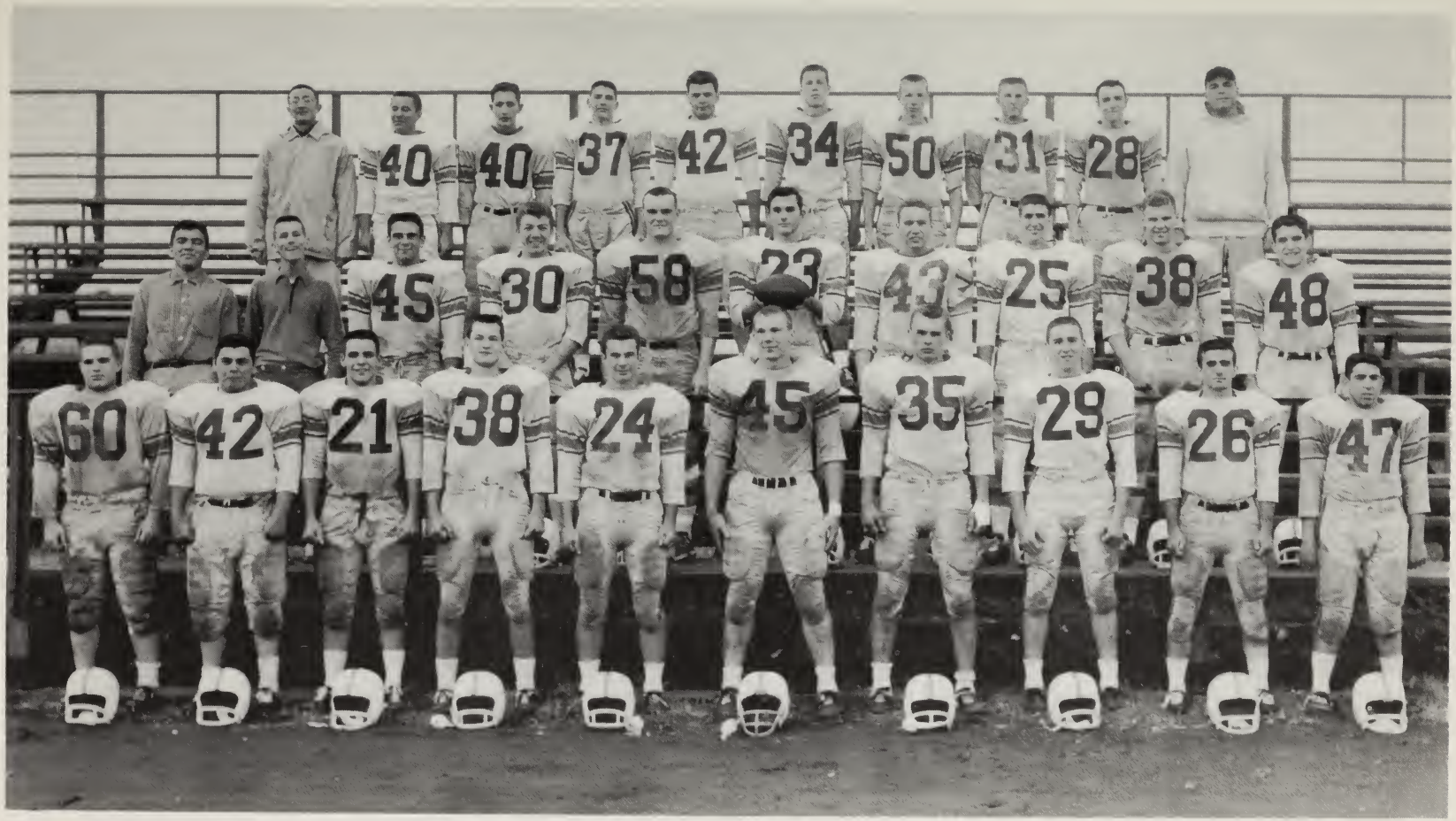
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